Highways are "good-bye" ways when speed is fast and thinking slow

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WEATHER
Repeat performance, "The Last Daze at Manassas"

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28th DIVISION HEADS FOR INDIANTOWN

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THE GOVERNOR

November 24, 1941

The heart of every Pennsylvanian has been filled with pride at the news of the magnificent showing of the 28th Division while in the field on maneuvers.

The men of Pennsylvania through the generations have stood apart from the rest of the Nation as defenders, strong of mind and body, and soldiers without parallel. You men of the 28th are worthy successors to this heritage and I congratulate you on the record you have made.

Under the able leadership of your Commander, General Edward Martin, and his corps of officers, you have acquitted yourselves with the honor and distinction which is singularly Pennsylvanian.

We rejoice that you are coming back to Pennsylvania wearing the ancient laurels which are rightfully yours.

On behalf of every man and woman in Pennsylvania I congratulate the officers and men of Pennsylvania's Iron Division.

Arthur H James

Commanding General's Message

It is impossible for me to tell you how proud I am of your work in the Carolina Maneuvers. For weeks I have been pointing out errors made by certain units and individuals. By close application to your work you have corrected most of these deficiencies.

The 28th Division has been determined, spirited, courageous, tireless, in the relentless accomplishment of its missions throughout the maneuvers.

The Red Keystone of the Iron Division is known by all admirers of great military units. We are a shock Division now as the 28th was in the World War.

The Governor's message is a real welcome home and I wish you all a most joyous trip back to good old Pennsylvania.

The 28th's Battle for Lynches River

"Call to Arms" for the 28th Division in the second phase of the GHQ Maneuvers came as the soldiers of the Pennsylvania Division held formal observance of Thanksgiving Day on Sunday, November 23, in North Carolina pine woods north of the Pee Dee River.

The holiday observance, postponed from the official day by the first phase maneuvers, and probably more like the original fete arranged by the Pilgrim fathers than any experienced before by members of the Division, ended when the Division Commander was summoned to II Corps Headquarters where he was advised to guard the international border against incursions from the Red country south of the border which was Highway Route 74.

Early Monday, November 24, the Division was ordered to move to a new assembly area closer to the border so as to be in a more favorable position to meet the Red threat, or to push into Red territory.

Eight hours are needed to move the Division past a point on a single road. This, coupled with the presence of other units of the First Army on the route of march, the need to weave the Division from separated bivouacs into a tactical march formation and to disperse it again into the Brigade and Regimental assembly areas, presented great difficulties.

Despite the complications, the Division was settled in its new area Monday night where it received news that the Red armies had crossed the Catawba River, some 60 miles to the southwest. To meet this threat, Lieutenant General Drum, First Blue Army commander, selected the Blue II Corps as sort of bait for the Reds. The II Corps was drawing to its front the major portions of the enemy force, while other corps of the First Blue Army, cutting in from left and right, crushed the enemy.

Promptly at 6:30 A.M. Monday, November 24, leading elements of the 28th Division jumped off. The 3d Bn, 109th Infantry, immediately seized Wadesboro. It received commendatory notice for the manner in which it performed the task of occupying a town, although in this instance there was no enemy opposition. At the same time the 2d Bn, 109th Infantry, which had been the border guard, kept a constant patrol to prevent any Red forces from filtering through.

Immediately after the seizure of Wadesboro, advance elements of the Division, consisting of motorized battalions from the 55th Brigade, on the right, and the 56th Brigade, on the left, advanced into enemy territory with the mission of getting as rapidly as possible on the high ground along the line: CASON-OLDFIELD—LOWRYS—WHITE STORE.

This was a familiar battle ground for the 28th Division as many previous maneuver exercises had taken place on this terrain. But, by this time Red had advanced sufficient forces to prevent the advance of the Division without a determined fight. At first, small reconnaissance elements of the Second Armored Division were met. Then came the tanks, and motorized infantry riding in personnel carriers, the "half tracks." These armored vehicles, with front wheels similar to the ordinary truck equipment but with caterpillar treads on the rear, moved rapidly cross-country, and their tactics of darting in and out, delaying, and moving rapidly to another position seriously interfered with the advance of the Division.

Nevertheless, with that action developing and with the Brigades closely supported by the 53d Artillery Brigade, the enemy was gradually pushed back. At the close of the day the Division had established a line generally along the first day's objective with spearheads of the 110th Infantry on the right and of the 112th Infantry on the left about four miles southwest of Shoates. The advance during the day for the Division was approximately 18 miles and involved continual action against mechanized forces.

Just before dark, a strong attack against the right flank of the 110th Infantry by two battalions of medium tanks, 2d Armored Division, was beaten off when the Division Anti-Tank Battalion and the II Corps Anti-Tank Battalion were thrown into the fight.

In the night of November 25-26, some readjustment of position took

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HEADQUARTERS 28TH DIVISION

A. P. O. 28, FORT BRAGG, N. C.

Lilesville, N. C.
November 30, 1941

General Orders Number 24

1. The 28th Division has completed another tour of duty. While we have not been engaged with an armed enemy of the United States yet you have undergone all of the hardships of war except the danger of bullets and shells. Your endurance on the march, the skill shown in the advance against an able and well trained enemy and the acceptance of different tasks without complaint exemplified the true traditions of the Iron Division.

2. During our sixty days in the Carolina Area the defense of Pageland, the retirement from Monroe, the crossing of the Rocky River and the storming of the heights beyond the River were outstanding accomplishments where the spirit of the real fighting Infantry Division team was shown at its best. So also were your performance of varied and difficult missions in the G. H. Q. phase of the maneuvers, your long marches and repeated attacks day after day, your determined spirit in every engagement, and your final assault upon and crossing of the Lynches River after an advance of seventy-five miles in five days.

3. I am proud of your work and extend my sincerest congratulations. May these accomplishments and the record of the old Division in the Philippines, Porto Rico, and France be an inspiration to carry on to even greater accomplishments. The Iron Division is truly again a Shock Division.

By command of Major General MARTIN:

B. C. Jones,
Colonel, G. S.C.,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:
Henry A. Reninger,
Lt. Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General.

A platoon of the 110th Infantry deploying against the enemy across Lynches River.

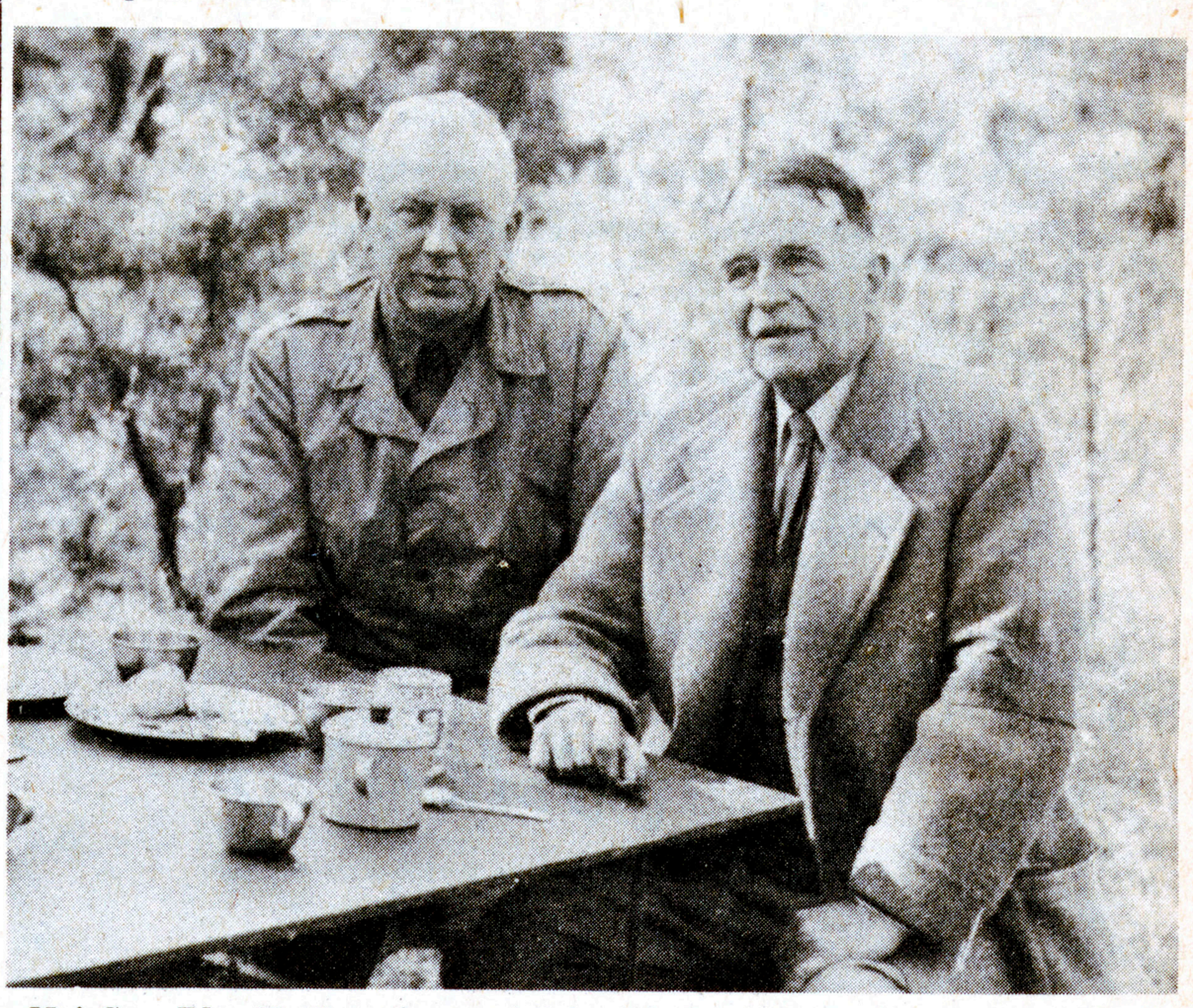
CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE

The 28th Division wishes to acknowledge the fine publicity accorded it by numerous "war correspondents" during the Carolina maneuvers.

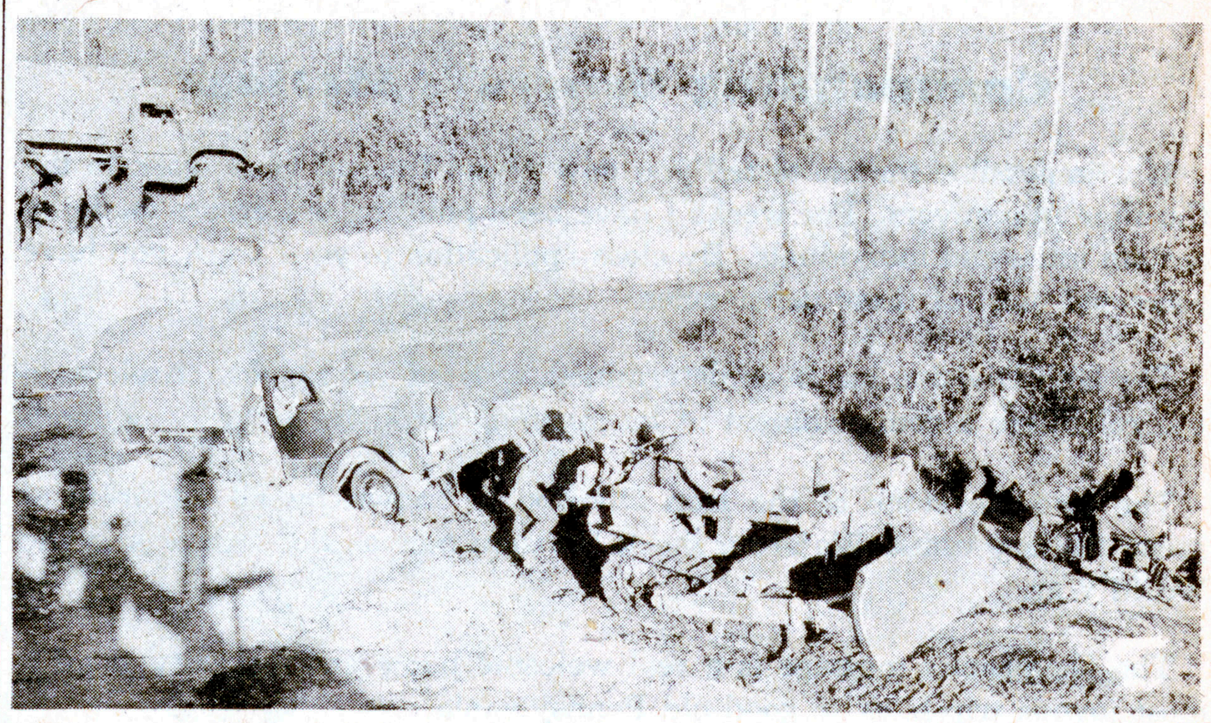
Keeping the home-folks well informed of our activities were such well known writers as William "Bill" Engel of the Pittsburgh *Press,* who has been with the Iron Guard since induction last February; Al. Gough, Pittsburgh *Sun-Telegraph,* who came down from Pennsylvania to cover our activities; Hugh Morrow, Philadelphia *Inquirer,* who joined us for the GHQ maneuver; Tom Brislin of the United Press, another faithful booster, Walter Lippman, noted political writer; Earle Poorbaugh, World War veteran with the Baltimore *News Post;* Bill Chaplin of the INS, New York; Bill Garvey and Paul Shafer, the *U. S. Steel News*; Dewitt Carrol, Greensboro *Daily News*; A. F. Littlejohn, Associated Press; George Kidd, United Press, who recently returned from Germany, and Rice Yahner, Associated Press military feature writer who was at Indiantown Gap for several months.

The Iron Division is also grateful to its own corps of correspondents who have been writing war dispatches day in and day out on their "own time" to aid in the coverage of the 28th Division's Army experiences.

Prisoners of war. Members of 111th Infantry line up captured Red Army soldiers in a surprise attack.



Maj Gen. Edw. Martin enjoys a visit by Col. Blanton Winship, former Governor General of Puerto Rico.



The 103rd Engineers had their work cut out for them in the Carolinas. Here, a gigantic bulldozer prepares a ford for the crossing of some 28th Division vehicles.

The GUARDSMAN *gratefully acknowledges the photographic efforts of Pvt. Edwin F. Hanson, H.Q. Co., 28th Division, for pictures in this issue. Pvt. Hanson has largely been responsible for the camera-coverage during the Carolina Maneuvers. A low bow to a good man, doing a good job.*

WELCOME HOME DANCE
Everybody Invited—Admission Free
135 Beautiful Girls 135
Smooth Orchestra
Service Club, I.G.M.R.
Fri. Eve. Dec. 12th, 8:30 P. M.

In the Field of SPORTS

by * * * * * * *
"DAVE" ZINKOFF
SPORTS EDITOR

Your Columnist: "Gentlemen-in-khaki, this meeting will come to order!"

Vox Khaki: "What meeting? We order you to clarify the statement!"

Y.C.: The meeting of the *28 Plus 4 the 28!*

Vox Khaki: (In unison by the numbers) Take him away—if that is double-talk we know not what you mean—away from the rostrum!

Y.C.: Patience, gentlemen—this brilliant thought came to me in a dream and an explanation is forthcoming! Right soon soldiers over 28 will be leaving the service for affairs civilian.

V.K.: What is the purpose of this club? Who may join?

Y.C.: Anyone who is over 28—leaving the service—anyone who is at present a member of the 28th Division. The purpose of this organization has been defined by E. Vernon Sparks, a member of Regimental Headquarters Battery of the 108th Field Artillery. Said he "This Club is to be organized for the purpose of extending assistance and moral encouragement to the men in service with the 28th Division"!

V.K.: But what do you specifically intend to do for us, who are in the service now—and for the men who are joining our ranks daily?

Y.C.: As yet we have had no meetings. This is the initial time this club has hit printers ink. When definite organization has taken place and "things get rolling" we expect, among other items, to agitate for free movies, "(2) to arrange for men-in-service to receive admission to athletic events for a nominal tax; (3) help furnish drab day rooms (4) to standardize simpler transportation facilities for men on furlough and more nominal rates from the railroads; (5) provide wholesome entertainments for the boys-in-khaki, such as broadcasts in their own Recreation Halls, vaudeville star performances and stage presentations: (6) provide dancing partners for men on leave who reside in Pennsylvania: (7) quarters and feminine companionship for men of the 28th Division who are not residents of the Keystone State while on furlough or week-end leave. You see, gentlemen, this is quite a program! Perhaps the impetuosity of youth has us by the throat, but we have seen the light and we will do our best for the men back at the camp!"

V.K.: How do you intend to do this gigantic job?

Y.C.: By first building up a strong active membership of all men over 28 who are about to leave the ranks. This club, when in the embryonic stages, was discussed with General Edward Martin and Colonel Edward Hubbs for the sake of feasibility. Both were prompt in whole-hearted and unanimous approval of the general plans. The primary purpose was to keep a strong bond of friendship existent among the men who were together for a considerable length of time and were now exeaunt. However we soon saw the urgent need to help fill the needs of the men-in-suits!

V. K.: How are you getting your membership ranks filled?

Y. C.: By asking men over 28, in the 28th Division to please submit their names, addresses to yours truly for a mailing list. Dues (as yet not established) will be nominal. It is planned to hold a large dinner twice per annum to discuss current needs for the men and to re-establish and strengthen bonds of true friendship and convivialty. Each and every city in Penna., worthy of it's salt, will have a committee of it's own to guide local needs and problems confronting the newly inducted selectee.

V. K.: Do you deem yourselves eminently qualified to judge the needs of the men in service?

Y.C..: No one knows better the likes, dislikes and needs better than we who have been in the service!

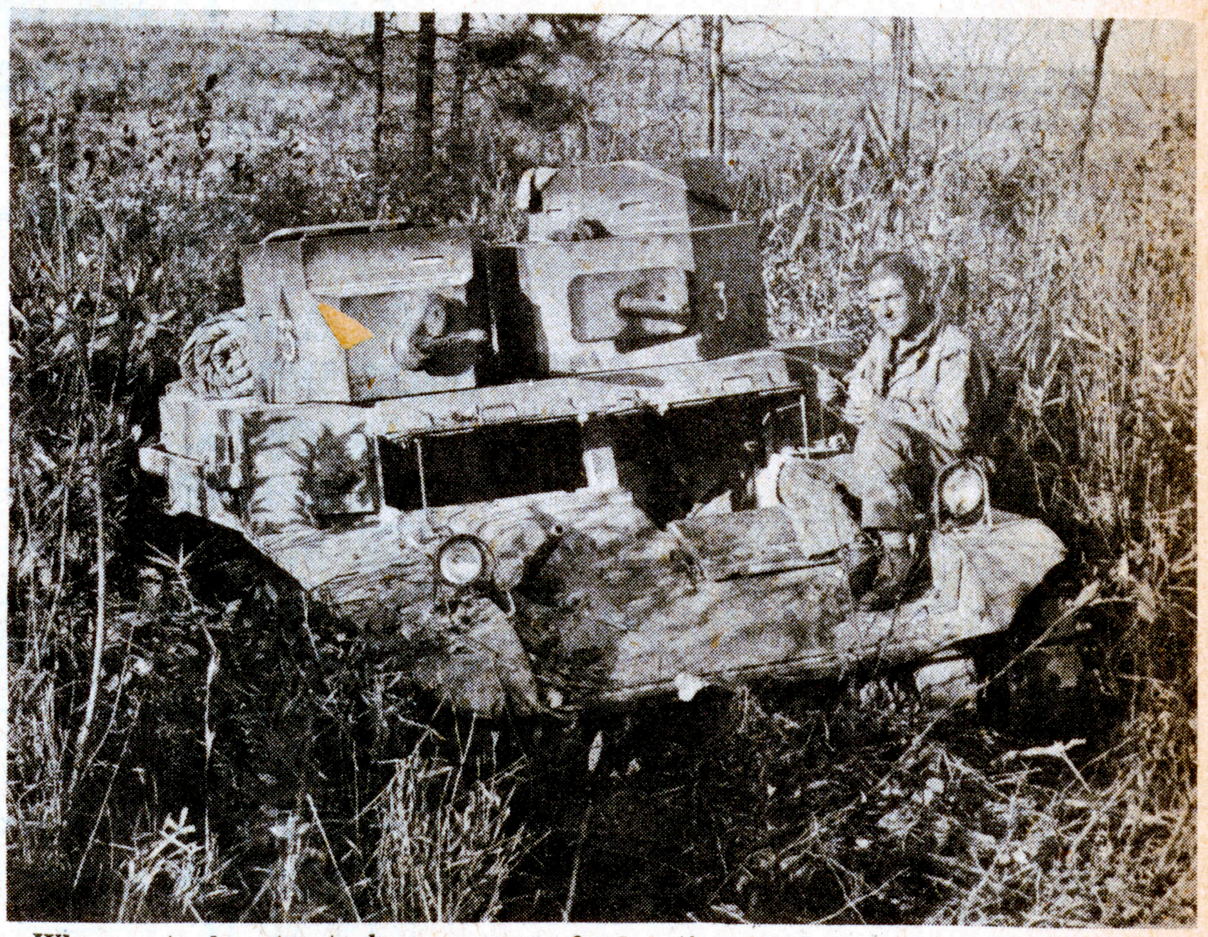
V.K.: You sound sincere. May success attend your every effort!

Y.C.: Thanx a million! We will do our best!

Orchestra breaks out into a violent rendition of the last 16 bars of "Are You From Dixie?"

"I'm not sure whether I can remember to send the Sarge a Christmas greeting—so rather than forget completely—Here goes . . .!"

Major General Edward Martin personally directed the crossing of Lynches River.



When a tank gets stuck, open your food rations and make the best of it. At least, that's what this unfortunate soldier decided to do.

Brig. Gen. E. J. Stackpole, Jr., Commanding 56th Infantry Brigade, surveys the situation with keen interest.

Lt. Col. John Nuckel C. O., 107th F. A. confers with Col. John W. Downer, C. O. 53rd F. A. Brig.

Food for the soldiers. Members of 103rd Quartermaster Regiment draw rations for the 28th Division. Picture taken at Railhead, Lilesville, N. C.

28th DIVISION'S CAMPAIGN

2nd PHASE G.HQ. MANEUVER

NOV. 24th - 28th, 1941

LEGEND

- • POSITION OF 28th DIVISION UNITS
- ▫ POSITION OF OPPOSING ENEMY UNITS

SCALE:

1 INCH EQUALS APPOXIMATELY 3½ MILES

VI ARMY CORPS

I ARMY CORPS

103rd ENGRS. (C)
C.L.N. - R.M.H.

LEFT FLANK OF 44th DIVISION

4.20 P.M - 28 NOV.

CP 110 INF.
▫ 102 INF.
1 BN 108 F.A.
3 BN 109 INF.
▫ 172 INF.
CP 55 BRIG.
▫ 192 F.A.
▫ 169 INF.
3 BN 110 INF.
C.P. 108 F.A.
C.P. 109 F.A.
103 MED.
1 BN 107 F.A.
C.P. 56 BRIG.
2 BN 108 F.A.
109 F.A. LESS 2 BTYS.

43 DIV. C.P. CAPTURED BY 191 TANK BN. +3 BN. 111 INF. (LESS 2 CO'S.) NIGHT OF 27 NOV.

2 BN 109 INF.
1 BN 110 INF.
112 INF.
2 BTYS 109 F.A.
2 BN 107 F.A.
CO. "D" 103 ENG.
2 CO'S-3 BN 111 INF.

111 INF (LESS 2 BNS.)
2 BN 111 INF.

ENEMY TANK

OPPOSING ENEMY UNITS
41 INF.
82 RECON
68 ARM
172 INF.

103 ENG
110 INF
REAR E
107 F.A
103 EN
55 BRIG
109 INF
CT 55
CT 56

108 F.A.
111 INF.
109 F.A.
56 BRIG.
112 INF.
A.T. BN.

DIVISION TO BE N & W OF LINE BY 9 A.M-24 NOV.

DIVISION IN ASSEMBLY AT DARK - 24 NOV.

DIVISION CROSSED BORDER 6.30 A.M-25 NOV.

9 P.M-25 NOV.

OPPOSING ENEMY UNITS
82 RECON. BN.
67 ARM. RGT.
68 ARM. RGT.
103 Q.M. RGT.

9 P.M-26 NOV.

156 INF.
ARTILLERY (?)
156 INF.
ARTILLERY (?)
103 INF.
152 F.A.

OPPOSING ENEMY UNITS

AT BN.
103 ENG.

110 INF.

ANSONVILLE
POLKTON
PINKSTON
RUSSELVILLE
WADESBORO
LILESVILLE
TRAVIS
LOWRYS
SHOATES
MANGUM
STONE HOUSE
MAYNARDS
MT. CROGRAN
JEFFERSON
LYNCHES RIVER
PEE DEE RIVER
INTERNAL BOUNDARY

Brigade and Regimental Commanders. Col. C. H. Middleton, Special Troops; Col. Harry W. Anderson, 103rd Engineers; Col. Stanley F. Coar, 109th Inf.; Col. Franklin P. Haller, 111th Inf.; Col. B. C. Jones, C. of S.; Col. A. O. King, 110th Inf.; Col. Joseph R. Carvolth, 112th Inf.; Col. Geo. P. Seneff, 109th F. A.; Col. John Nuckel, 107th F. A.; Major William Hernandez, A. T. Bn.

104th Cavalry, Machine Gun Platoon. These men established splendid record during Carolina maneuvers.

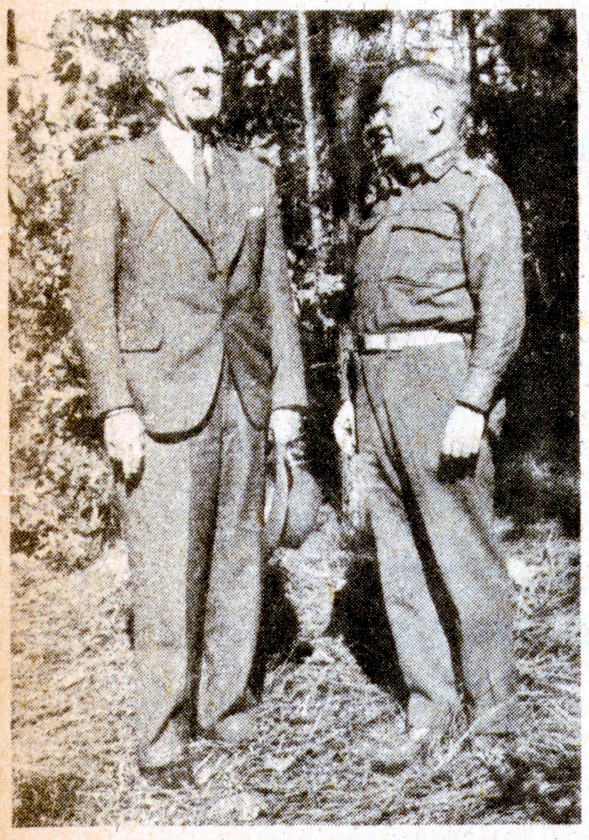
Armstice celebration. Bonfires lit the countryside for miles around to celebrate the end of hostilities. Said Pvt. Smith to Pvt. Jones, "Whoopee . .!"

Quartermaster Trio. Three tune-twistin' dandies. Cpl. Glenn W. Forry, Pvt. Emil X. Lippert (of stage, screen and radio) and Pfc. Benny S. Todaro.

Home-made pies for the M.P. Company Thanksgiving Dinner. Boys ate them with gusto.

A generous helpin' suh . .! Pvt. Scott R. Strickler, M. P. Co. seems ready to enjoy his Thanksgiving turkey, pie, etc.

109th Infantry fords Rocky River. Difficult crossing in trucks brought words of praise from high ranking officers.



Division Chaplains—past and present. Chaplain Charles Shaw, (major retired) talks over old times with Lt. Col. Fred P. Houghton. Chaplain Shaw served as 28th Div. Chaplain during World War, No. 1.

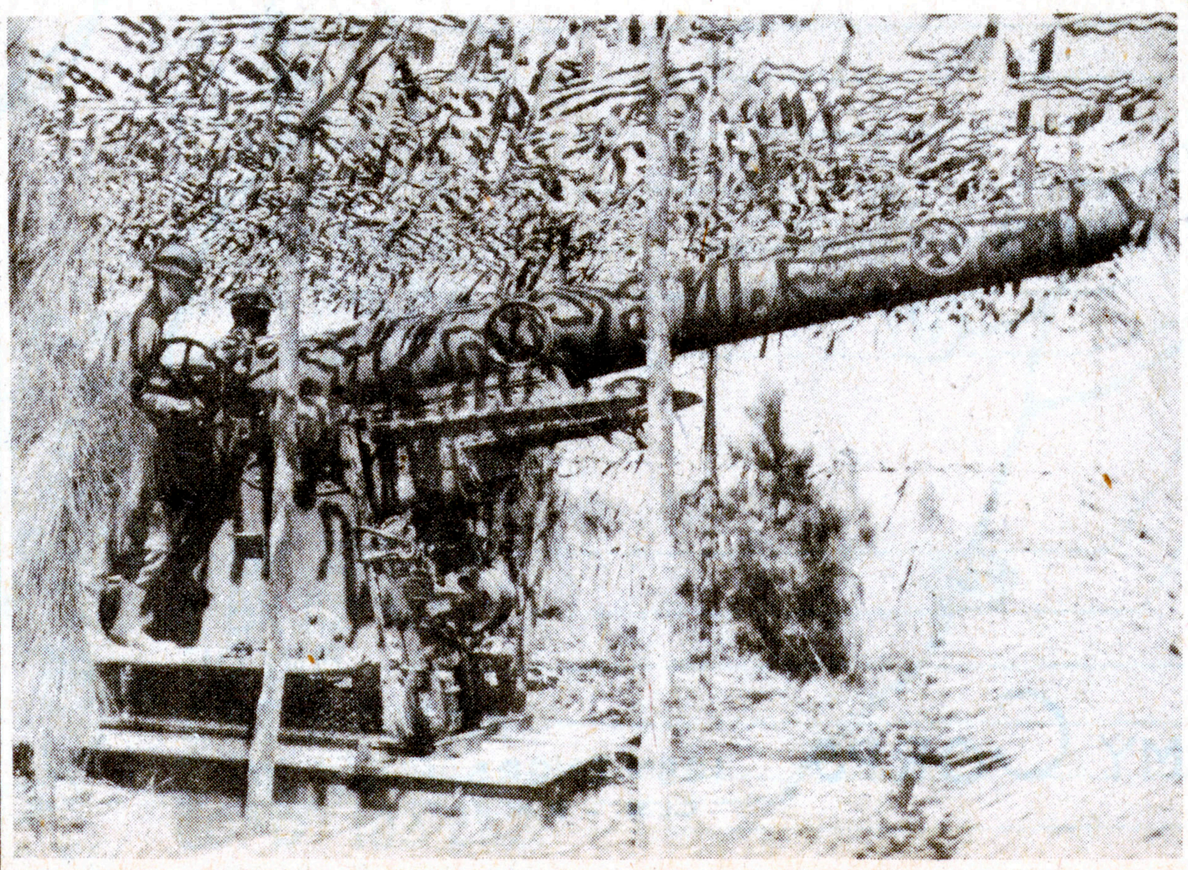
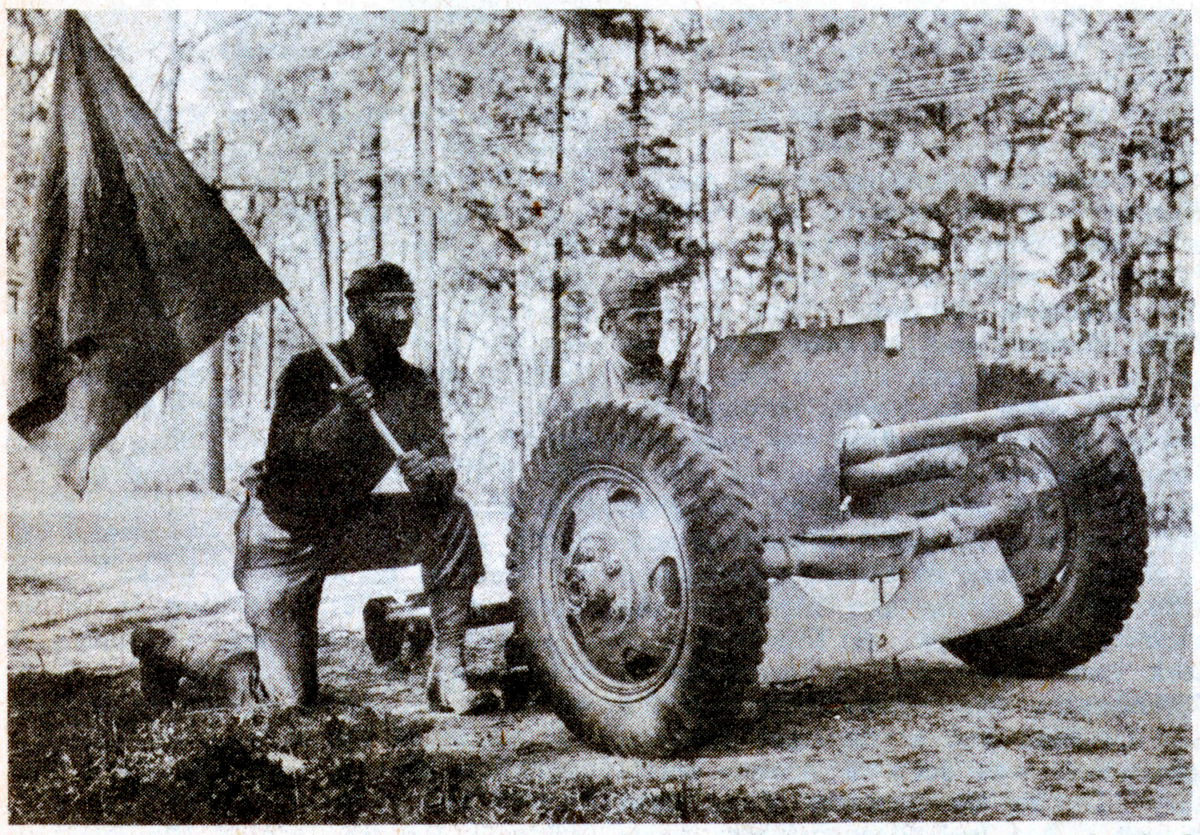


Photo by 161st Signal Co.

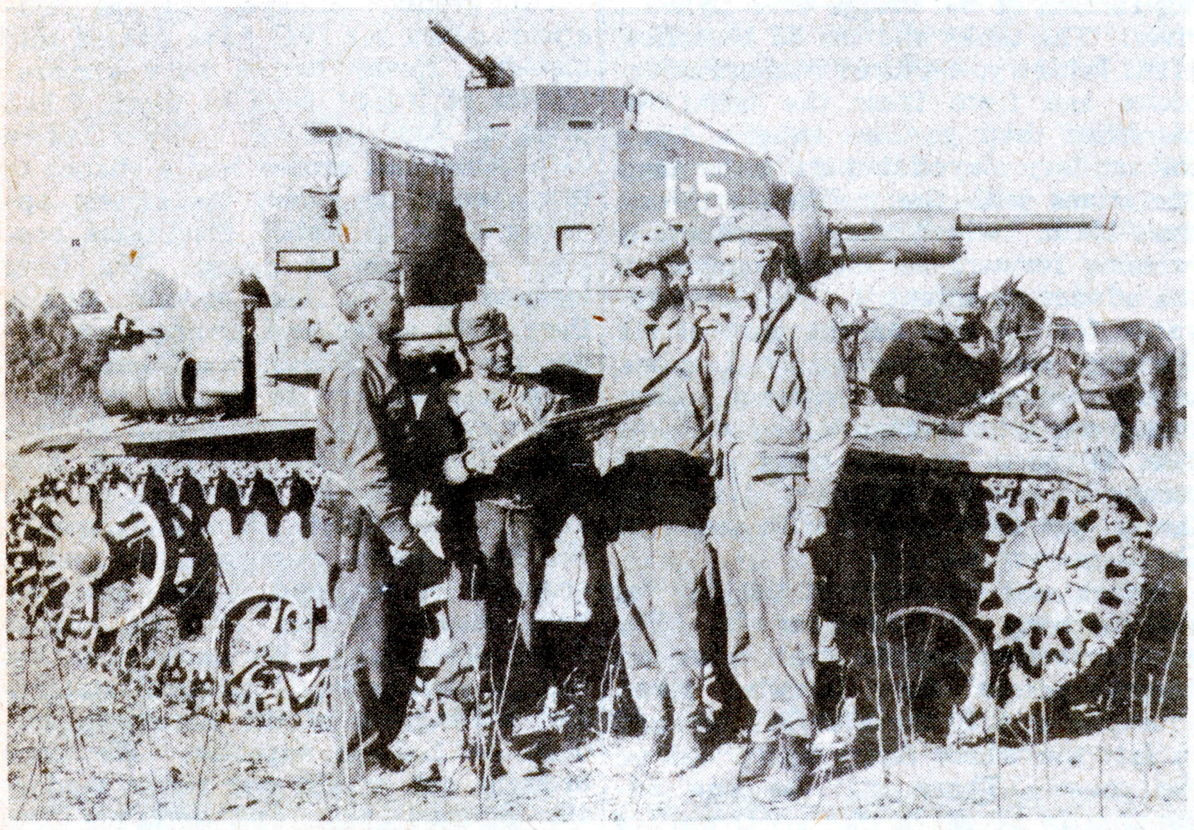
Big Gun, manned by members of 79th F. A., Fort Bragg, N. C. This is one of the biggest guns used in Carolina Maneuvers. Noisy and efficient.

Lt. E. Von Culin, G-4, climbs a tree for reconnaissance purposes.

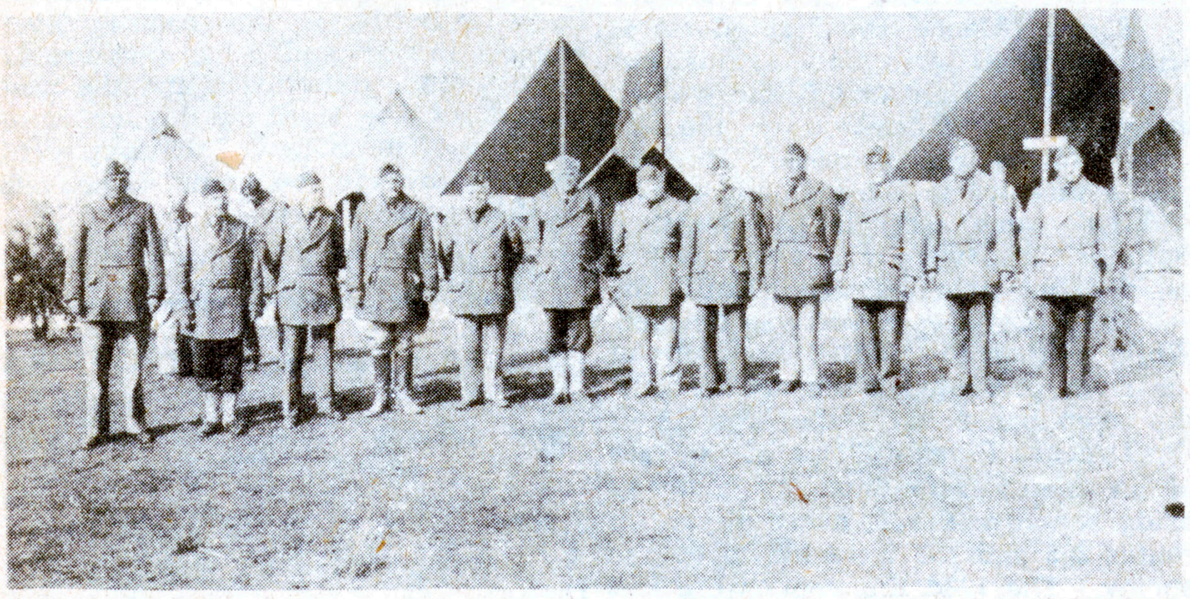
Chaplain Fred P. Houghton, Major General Edward Martin, Former Chaplain Charles Shaw, and Col. B. C. Jones. Picture taken during Chaplain Shaw's visit to camp during Carolina Maneuvers.



The 28th Anti-Tank unit blazed the way for the infantry against Red mechanized forces.



Lt. Col. Harlo W. Higby, Commanding 2nd Bn., 107th F. A. talks with a couple of captured members of the Red force.



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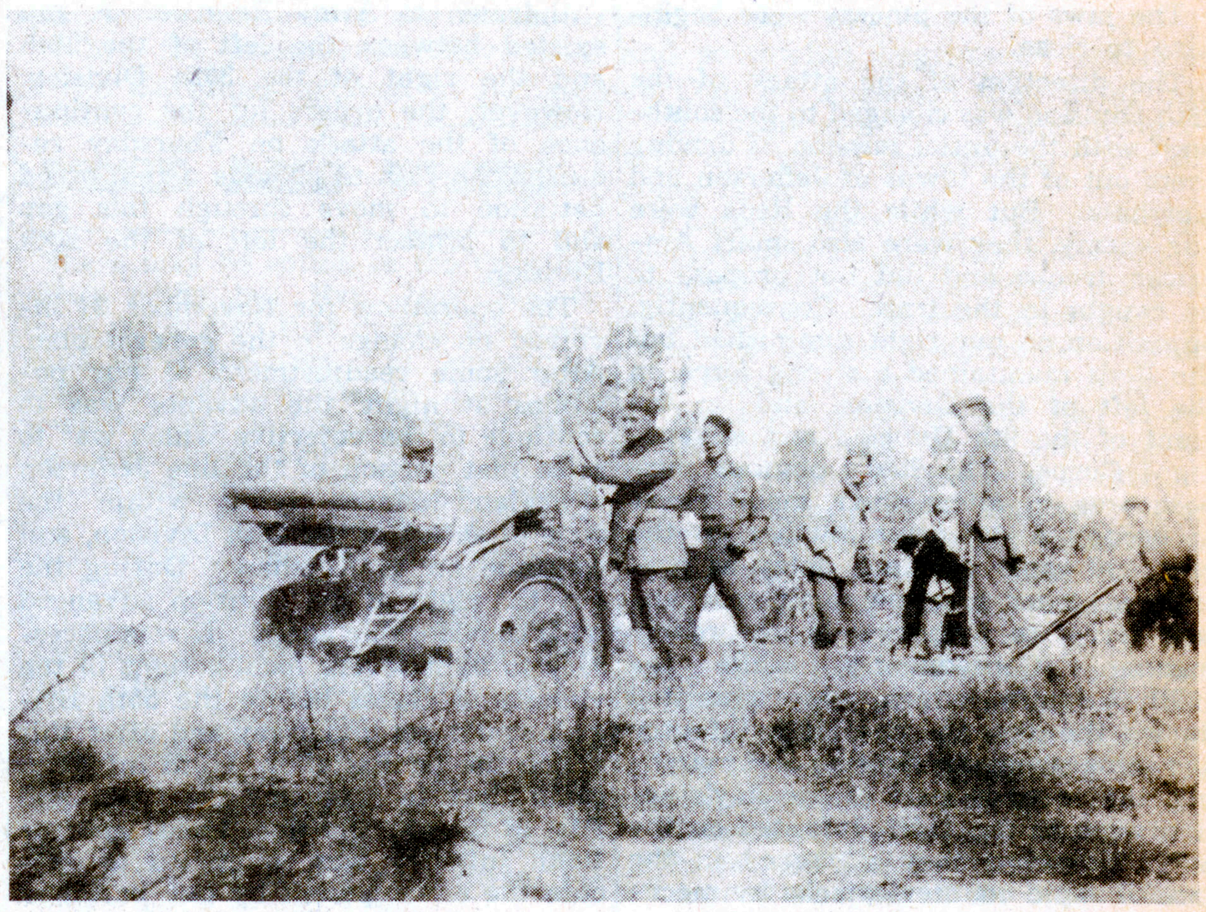
Command Echelon, 28th Division, front row, Lt. Col. Leo T. McMahon, G-2; Col. John H. VanVliet, Inspector Gen. and Tactical Aide; Col. B. C. Jones, C. of S.; Major General Edward Martin, C. G.; Lt. Col. T. L. Hoban, Acting G-3; Lt. Col. Fred N. Kelly, G-1; Lt. Col. Lewis F. Acker, G-4; Second row. Lt. E. P. Woods, Asst. G-1; Capt. Howard E. Bowman, Personal Aide; Major George B. Mebus, Asst. G-4; Lt. Col. Henry A. Reninger, Adj. Gen.; Lt. Col. W. E. Pierce, Judge Advocate; Lt. Col. J. C. Rosborough, A.T.—A.A. Officer. Lt. Col. A. H. Anderson, Signal Officer; Major Wilbar Halbert, Asst. G-3. Capt. Thomas E. Briggs, Asst. G-3. Rear row. Capt. Harry S. Messec, Asst. G-2; Capt. Harry E. Clark, Asst. T.J.A.; Major Paul M. Kienzle, Asst. Adj. Gen.



107th F. A. fires a 75-mm, during 28th's maneuvers in Carolinas.

Here's how it's done. Foot slogging soldier from the 110th Infantry shows how to go after the enemy, seeking natural cover for his movements.

28th Division troops were called upon occasionally to put out forest fires which had a habit of springing up in the dry Carolina cotton fields and pine woods.

Historic Record of the 28th Division's Battle for Lynches River

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place preparatory to resuming the advance in the morning. Some advances were made during the night through the so called soft spots, that is, approaches not covered by enemy and on the morning of November 26 the advance once more started in earnest.

The Division again attacked with Brigades abreast. The 111th Infantry was in II Corps reserve and the 109th Infantry in Division Reserve. The attack proceeded with difficulty because of the strenuous delaying action on the part of the Reds. Nevertheless, Red was forced back on Mt. Croghan during the forenoon.

Up to this point the attack had been generally almost due south. Now, however, the direction changed. The 44th, on our right, was well advanced. The 9th on our left, however, met such strong opposition that it was not able to advance as rapidly as the 28th. While the I Corps, crossing the Pee Dee River to the south, advanced only a few miles on the previous day it came up rapidly from the east.

The jaws of the pincers were beginning to close.

The direction of the attack of the 28th Division was changed to the southwest with the initial mission of driving them out of the towns of Jefferson and Kershaw. But while the Reds were our enemy, they were also smart American troops and did not propose to be caught in the trap. Consequently, opposition on our right diminished but the Reds maintained a strong force on the left of the Division, and on the front of the 9th Division and advancing I Corps. The Red's obvious purpose was to allow their main forces to occupy a defensive further to the rear and cause as much delay as possible in order to allow their mechanized forces to withdraw in an orderly manner. Consequently, while the 109th Infantry, which was committed during the day, and the 110th Infantry had some strenuous fighting and marching, the severest part of the day's action went to the 112th Infantry on the left. However, they advanced in the face of rapid counter-attacks by mechanized elements until nightfall when the leading elements of the 56th Brigade were approximately three miles southwest of Mt. Croghan, advancing slowly to the southwest while the 55th Brigade was southeast from Guess. The picture then presented somewhat of a semi-circle with the front facing west and southwest and south. The opposition on the south was so strong that two battalions of the 112th Infantry on the extreme south of the Division front were temporarily cut off from the rest of the Brigade by the infiltrating enemy elements. However, by operating during the night, communication was re-established and subsequently these battalions were extricated and joined in the advance.

During the day the Division advanced approximately 10 miles, with tanks and half tracks all around.

Mt. Croghan was the key point where the Reds put up a determined resistance. The Division Anti-Tank Battalion again proved its worth. The tank threat was reported on the north flank of the I Corps and the 2d battalion of the 111th Infantry was temporarily attached to GHQ., one of the composite Anti-Tank groups designed particularly by the War Department for use in crushing mechanized attacks. These units saw action in the vicinity of Salem Church, northeast of Pageland, and participated in repulsing an attack by elements of the 2d Armored Division. One battalion of the 111th Infantry was held in Division reserve and the remaining battalion was retained in Brigade reserve.

During this operation, the 108th Field Artillery (155mm howitzers) placed one battalion in support of each brigade during the advance.

In fighting armored forces, this method of operation proved highly successful. The 107th and 109th Field Artillery in direct support of the 55th and 56th Brigades respectively drove forward close behind the Infantry and delivered successful fires on many targets. The enemy fought a good delaying action, blowing his main bridges behind him. The advance of vehicles was continually hampered by the necessity of constructing fords in deep banked streams which cut through the Carolina Maneuver Area.

The 103rd Engineers were continually on the job helping the Infantry past blown bridges and preparing roads and bridges for demolition to prevent passage of the enemy.

By the end of the day, the advance of the 1st Corps on our south flank was sufficient to pass the front of the 9th Division on our left which was then withdrawn to Army Reserve. A gap existed between the left of the 28th and the right of the 30th Division. However, the orders for the continuance of the attack on Thursday required the 28th to provide a reinforced battalion to move through this gap and to protect the left of the 28th Division.

The operations for November 27 involved no change in the general plan. After some readjustment of our positions at night, the advance was to continue to the objective which was to seize that portion of the line Jefferson -Pageland-Monroe lying within the zone of action of the 28th Division, and continue on to Kershaw. During the day the right of the Division advanced with considerable speed. It was necessary to fight severe local actions in the vicinity of Guess before the 55th Brigade could get underway and after this action the 1st Battalion, 110th Infantry, came close to capturing the Command Post of the 43d Division, (Red) and the 109th Infantry was compelled to execute the envelopment by one battalion against a force which contained another battalion. This operation was completed with the capture of Company K, 172 Infantry, which had been left behind by the withdrawing Reds as a covering force. The advance of the 55th Brigade then so proceeded that it was within 300 yards of Route 151, a main north-south highway, by evening.

However, another story was to be told on the south flank. This flank must have been of extreme importance to the Reds because rapid advance in this flank would certainly have prevented the escape of a large body from the trap which had been arranged for them by General Drum. The 2nd Battalion, 110th Infantry, reinforced with Battery F, 107th Field Artillery, was sent around the left flank to maintain contact between the 28th Division and the 30th Division on the left. The entire 112th Infantry began its push to the west and southwest but success was attained with great difficulty as the Reds were stubborn and withdrew their forces only when superior fire power maneuvered to the flanks forced them out of their position.

As a consequence, darkness found forces on the right advanced and the forces on the left with a limited advance still deployed facing to the south. During the day the 111th Infantry was released from Corps Reserve and the 191st Tank Battalion, a GHQ organization, was attached to the Division. By this time the position of Red, due to the advance of Corps on our right and left, had become somewhat difficult and all evidence pointed to a withdrawal to some position in the rear which could be defended on shorter lines. With the Reds contesting for every inch of ground which was vital to them, the 28th Division Anti-Tank Battalion was called upon several times during the day to go into action to repel counterattacks by mechanized forces, but it was quite apparent that these attacks were local in character. For the first time during the day the Division had encountered hostile infantry of the Red Square Divisions. Elements of the 172d Infantry on the right and 156th Infantry on the left were identified which definitely placed in front of us the 43d and the 31st Infantry. Again during the course of the day the artillery was continually in close support of the infantry prepared not only to fire in support of the infantry advance, but for direct fire against tanks. In the never ending task of repairing bridges and building stream crossings to make easy the advance of the Division, the 103d Engineers had the new task of fire fighting. During a local action south of Ruby, our Engineers together with infantry forces, ceased their contact with the enemy and joined hands with them in putting out a forest fire which at one time threatened homes in the neighborhood. When the fire was extinguished, both sides resumed their war.

From reports furnished through Intelligence Agencies and collected by the Division G-2, it became apparent that the Reds were withdrawing rapidly during the night to a new position. The Commanding General, II Corps, ordered the advance to be pushed as rapidly as could be done under the rules of the game during the night and with an eye toward disrupting enemy communication and seizing Kershaw—a key center. He ordered a column composed of tanks and infantry to move during the night on the objective, Kershaw. The 3d Bn., 111th Infantry and the 191st Tank Battalion were joined into a composite, or task force, to break through the enemy lines, proceed to the rear and seize Kershaw. This organization proceeded to the south from Mt. Croghan and despite destroyed bridges was able to make its way by country paths and side roads during the night to the vicinity of Kershaw. At this point this task force succeeded in capturing or surrounding the headquarters of the 43d Division and at daylight this organization was deep in enemy territory. During the progress of its night march it had lost three infantry companies which were unable to proceed with their vehicles because of the destruction of the bridge over Lynches river. The tanks and the 3d Battalion, 111th Infantry, captured numerous vehicles and from these the tanks replenished their gasoline supply. Again the artillery played its part in the day's operations with the medium artillery, the 108th, which kept continually pressing forward for closer support of the advancing infantry. The total advance for the day on the part of the Division was approximately 7 miles, in the continued Red resistance. Continual contact was maintained with the 44th Division on our right and by means of the 2d Battalion, 110th Infantry, our flank guard, with the First Corps on our left.

Attack was the order of the day for the morning of November 28. The same objective was the goal: drive the enemy across the Catawba river. Promptly at 6:30 the 28th Division and in fact the whole Army again was on the move. There may be one advantage in becoming the spearhead of an advance, as armored forces do not attack the spearhead, they strike for the flanks. Hence, the first efforts of armored forces were made against our friends on our right or left and we had many local engagements of the armored forces which assisted the opposing infantry in the delaying action. A break came early in the morning. Both brigades were about to advance rapidly through Jefferson until the barrier of Lynches River was reached. While neither the width nor depth of the river presented a serious obstacle, the steep banks made the crossing of the Lynches River difficult in the face of an enemy defending it. Highway bridges across the Lynches River on routes 265 and 151 were blown by the enemy. The 103d Engineers were immediately rushed to the front to make crossings and fords were constructed in several places along Lynches River. Through herculean efforts vehicles, as well as men, were able to cross. The 28th Military Police Co. had to meet serious problems of controlling military traffic at the crossing of the Lynches River on Highway 265. It took severe efforts to dislodge a determined enemy but finally he was forced to give, and nightfall, and the end of the maneuvers, found the leading elements of the 55th Brigade and 2d Battalion, 109th Infantry, four or five miles southwest of Jefferson, at Flat Rock. The leading battalion of the 112th Infantry was echeloned to the left rear of the 109th Infantry and the balance of the Division was rapidly crossing the Lynches River. At 4:20 P.M. the problem ended. Word of its termination did not reach the 28th Division until 4:45. The word was immediately flashed to all brigades and regiments and when the announcement reached the troops a general celebration took place.

For two months the 28th Division, as part of the First Army, had been engaged in arduous maneuvers under boiling sun and shivering winds. It had long marches at night as well as by day. It accomplished three difficult river crossings and in the last phase of the maneuvers the Division advanced from Tuesday morning until Friday afternoon approximately 40 miles over difficult terrain in the face of strenuous and persistent opposition.

Particularly outstanding in this last phase of the GHQ Maneuver was the continual high morale and spirit of the soldiers. Apparently no task was too difficult for them to attempt. Particularly noticeable was the reaction of the troops to contact with armored forces. As an officer of an Armored Force remarked, after the first phase "the infantry of the First Army are stiff opposition. They do not seem to be afraid of tanks." The spirit of the 28th Division is to go after the tanks and destroy them. A noticeable increase in effective team work of all arms developed during this phase of the maneuvers. In cooperation with infantry, artillery, engineers and anti-tank units gave evidence of the welding of the Division into a hard fighting, closely knit combat team.

The grand maneuvers of the American Army for 1941 have passed into history. Never before have concentration of troops, such as these, taken place on American soil. Never before have American armies had a chance to test themselves under the closest approximation to battle conditions possible in times of peace. We have learned how to feed troops, supply them with water and ammunition under the most difficult conditions. We have learned how to live in the field under continuous conditions of strenuous activity. We have learned how to move rapidly by motor and on foot and can coordinate these movements. We have tested our strength against armored forces and found that we have means of our own to combat them successfully. We know now that from a standpoint of physical stamina and willingness of the American soldier, he has no superior. We have brought out within our ranks leadership of intelligence and initiative. The lessons learned in these maneuvers will mean the saving of thousands of lives in battle, if this country ever engages in war, and it has measurably increased the experience and the usefulness of the staffs of higher commanders. The money of the taxpayers, spent to provide the grand maneuvers of 1941, was not wasted.

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Lt. Col. Linwood McClure, C.O. 3rd Bn., 111th Inf. Led his command thru enemy lines to reach Kershaw, Southernmost point of 28th Division advance.

LEBANON U. S. O. BUILDING TO BE COMPLETED SOON

Construction of 167 USO club buildings is now under way, according to word received at USO headquarters from the Quartermaster General's construction division.

Most of the structures now being built, including one at Lebanon, Pa., are expected to be completed and in operation by Christmas. A total of 221 clubs will be erected, and will be supplemented by 280 rentals. The staff of USO field workers planned will total 1,644.

The building at Lebanon is a Type A structure, the contract for which was let to the W. P. Trimble & Sons Company of Hershey, Pa., for $64,900. Construction work started Oct. 20.

The building will contain a large main lounge, a big social hall with stage, three clubrooms, showers, lockers, a checkroom, a snack bar with kitchen, offices and storage room and a powder room for women. Comfort and cheerfulness will be the keynotes of the club, which will be fitted with plenty of easy chairs, reading tables and lamps, writing desks and equipment for games and other entertainment.

ARMY TO DOUBLE ITS MOTORIZED INFANTRY

The Army will double the number of its motorized Infantry Divisions by reorganization of the 6th Infantry Division, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, and the 9th Infantry Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, as Divisions of that type, the War Department has announced.

When reorganization is effected, the Divisions will be in the same category as the 4th Motorized Infantry Division, which took part in the Carolina maneuvers, and the 7th Motorized Infantry Division at Fort Ord, California. The 4th's permanent station will be Camp Gordon, Augusta, Georgia.

Thus the Army will have one motorized Infantry Division stationed on the Pacific Coast, another in the Middle West, and two in the South, all equipped especially to give them the mobility and speed so important in warfare today.

The primary functions of motorized Infantry Divisions remain the same as those of all Infantry, namely, to seize and hold ground. Motorization is designed to transport the soldiers speedily to the scene of action and to advance them fast when required. Every soldier is "on wheels"; none walks.

To accomplish this end, motorized Infantry Divisions are provided with many more vehicles than regular Infantry Divisions (triangular). Under the present tables or organization, a motorized Infantry Division has 603 half-track trucks for transportation of personnel while the other has none. Its trucks exceed those of the regular Infantry Division (triangular) by more than 100.

Its enlisted strength is 15,499 as against 14,615 in the older type Division, the difference being mainly in the increased number of chauffeurs. Commissioned officers and warrant officers number the same in both types, 624 and 6, respectively.

Reorganization of the 6th and 9th Divisions will be effected in accordance with new tables of organization to be composed as the result of tests undergone by the 4th in the Carolina maneuvers. Lessons learned from those tests will determine continuance or modification of the present organization of a motorized Infantry Division. The 4th was given additional armament, including tanks, for the purpose of experimentation.

28th Division To Be Granted Furloughs If Present Plans Are Followed

War or no war, soldiers of the 28th Division will have furloughs during holiday season, Major General Edward Martin has announced to members of his command. The exact data as to the time, number of days, etc., will be made known later.

Col. B. C. Jones, in a radio broadcast Wednesday morning, said not only would the furloughs be forthcoming, but weekend pass privileges would be made available to the troops, thus reassuring them on the most speculative subject of the week, outside of the war.

When the maneuver-weary, tired and somewhat begrimmed veterans of the Carolinas arrived at Indiantown Gap on Tuesday, they even put U. S.-Japan issue out of mind temporarily in favor of the question: "Are we going home?"

Whatever fears they had expressed relative to a strict policy on absences from the post were allayed for the time being by the welcome announcement from the division commander. What is to happen in the future, of course, is an unknown quantity—but just to get home this holiday season seems to be the only important thing at present.

The division reached Indiantown Gap on Tuesday afternoon and there never was a more welcome sight for the soldiers than the friendly looking barracks which beckoned to them. An advance detail had worked hard to get the buildings clean and fires started, and there was plenty of hot water and other home conveniences (including spring bunks) on hand for the men.

Mattressed bunks and heated barracks seemed like strange objects after 75 days of sleeping in the open. Some of the men fell asleep the first night with their clothes on, a habit they acquired quite naturally, during the maneuvers.

There was cheering, hand-clasping and a general outburst of enthusiasm when two long columns of trucks rolled into the Gap. The way they pitched into the job of getting settled was amazing. A high spirit was evident everywhere. A stranger viewing this hardened group of men going about their business would never suspect that they are part of an armed force at war.

The camp-fire scenes on the 28th

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HERE AND THERE

There may be cotton in the Carolina cotton fields but Pvt. Jack Weiner found more than that during his spare hours on maneuvers. In unearthing hundreds of arrowheads Jack discovered many untold stories of lives that were lived long ago; of the romances and traditions of the Indian race. Many of the stones are beautifully carved, representing probably the highest type of Indian art. Pvt. Weiner, a member of the 28th Signal Company, is a Philadelphia and New York attorney in civilian life.

Capt. Louis J. Merk, S-2 of the 109th Infantry, served with the famous Sergeant Alvin York in the 82nd "All American" Division in World War I. During the big brawl over there, the captain was a sergeant, too.

"Not bad," the soldiers of the 28th Division commented as they smacked their lips after partaking of a delicious "Type C ration" plate. The rations have been found to be very substantial, everybody agrees. Each of the cans contains 12 ounces of solid food (meat and beans, hash, or meat and vegetables), and in addition there is a can that goes with one of the three brands which is a distinct improvement over anything the old-timers munched on (such as "hard-tack") during the last war. This can contains soluble coffee, three lumps of sugar, a hunk of chocolate and five delicious biscuits.

Invitations to Thanksgiving dinner came in by the dozens from the good people of North and South Carolina, but unfortunately, the soldiers were unable to accept their kind hospitality because they were right in the midst of the war. The many bundles which trickled down from home were deeply appreciated, however.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Capt. Lester R. Moffatt, commander of Company I, 111th Infantry, who was injured when run down by an enemy vehicle. He incurred severe body bruises, but is now feeling much better, we're happy to report.

It took a few real clashes with these big tanks to make us appreciate the 28th Division Antitank Battalion and the various antitank units in the Division. They were everywhere and anywhere in these maneuvers, chasing those steel monsters back where they belong. For antitank's efforts, here's a loud "Tanks-Fellows."

And thanks . . . to the boys who helped give some cheer to an otherwise gloomy Thanksgiving day with their fine musical recordings . . . Music in the heart of the woods! How good it sounded . . .

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112th Infantry crosses Pee Dee River, on pontoon Bridge constructed by 103rd Engineers.

Ace Reporter, Al. Gough, Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph correspondent. Covered entire GHQ maneuvers with 28th Division. World War Veteran, and now serving as Captain in Civilian Defense of Penna. Gough is responsible for many pictures included in this issue.

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Commanding General's Message

It is with great pride that I address you in this column of the GUARDSMAN. Your accomplishments during the First Army maneuvers have been made of record in General orders and through citations. On every occasion you have accomplished your mission. As a result of your magnificent work, you are now truly a shock division.

Many commendations have been given units and individuals named could not have received such recognition without the help of all the organizations. We have taken our objectives because all elements have functioned in a perfect team. Infantry has shown great endurance and deployed properly, artillery has displaced intelligently forward, engineers have both constructed and fought, Quartermaster and Medical troops have uncomplainingly put in long and difficult hours; Antitank units have quickly and skillfully gone into action, long communications have been maintained, cooks have uncomplainingly fed men during all hours, drivers without lights reached their positions, reconnaissance has been made deep into the enemy lines bringing back valuable information, and the rear echelon have well taken care of morale, welfare and record work. The perfect combination of these elements has made an unbelievable team, and you have my congratulations, thanks and best wishes.

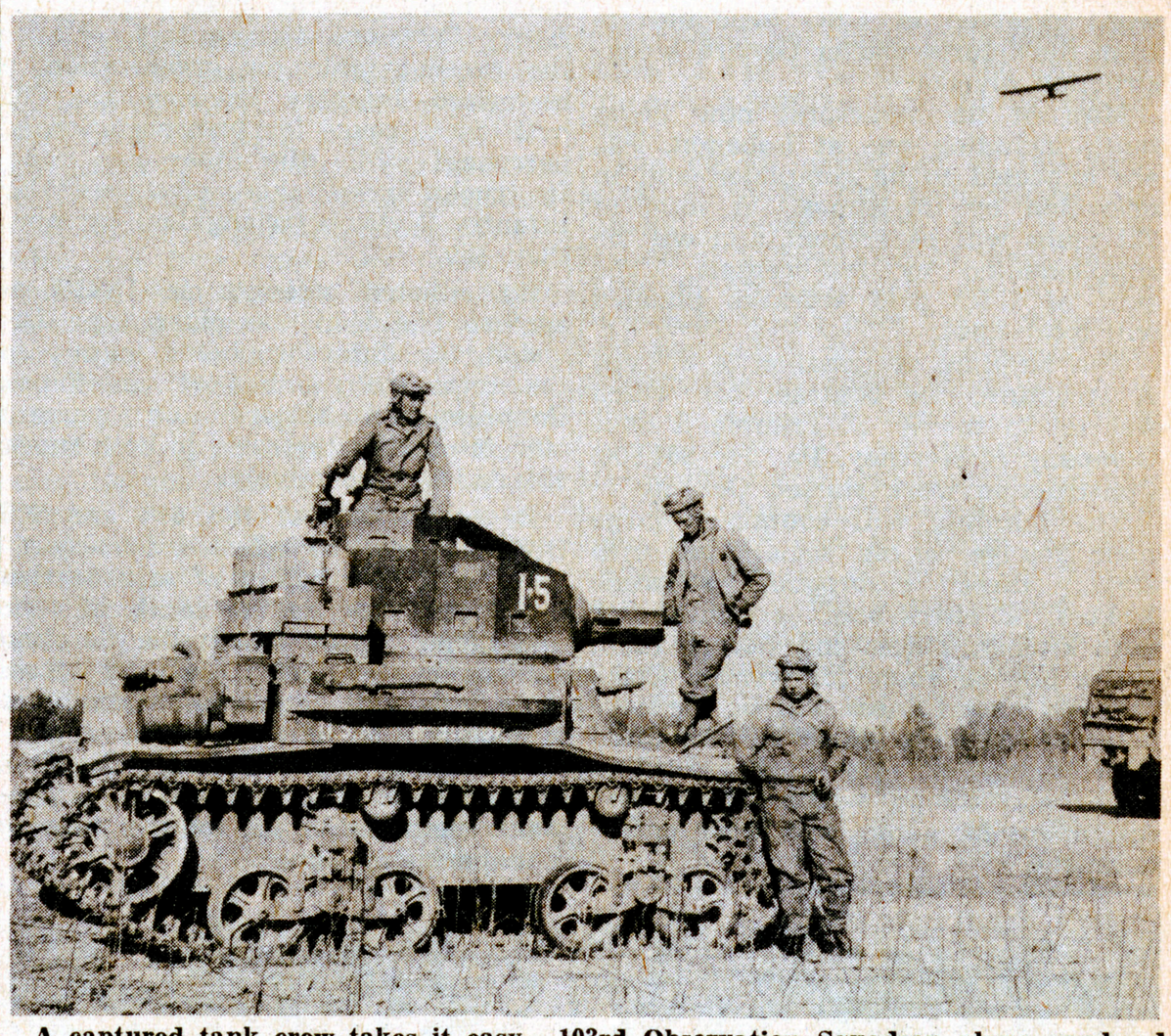
Public reference should be made to the magnificent moral record made by this division. On December First only thirteen were suffering from social diseases, thirty-one confined in the guardhouse, and sixteen absent without leave. Records disclose that this is the finest record of any division in the entire United States. This record is not only now, but has continued since our induction into the service. It shows your deep interest in your work and your high morale.

I want again to thank all of you of the Iron Division for your great loyalty, patience, endurance, and your willingness to serve. You are a great body of officers and men. You have a right to be proud and I know you will always deport your lives as soldiers and gentlemen.

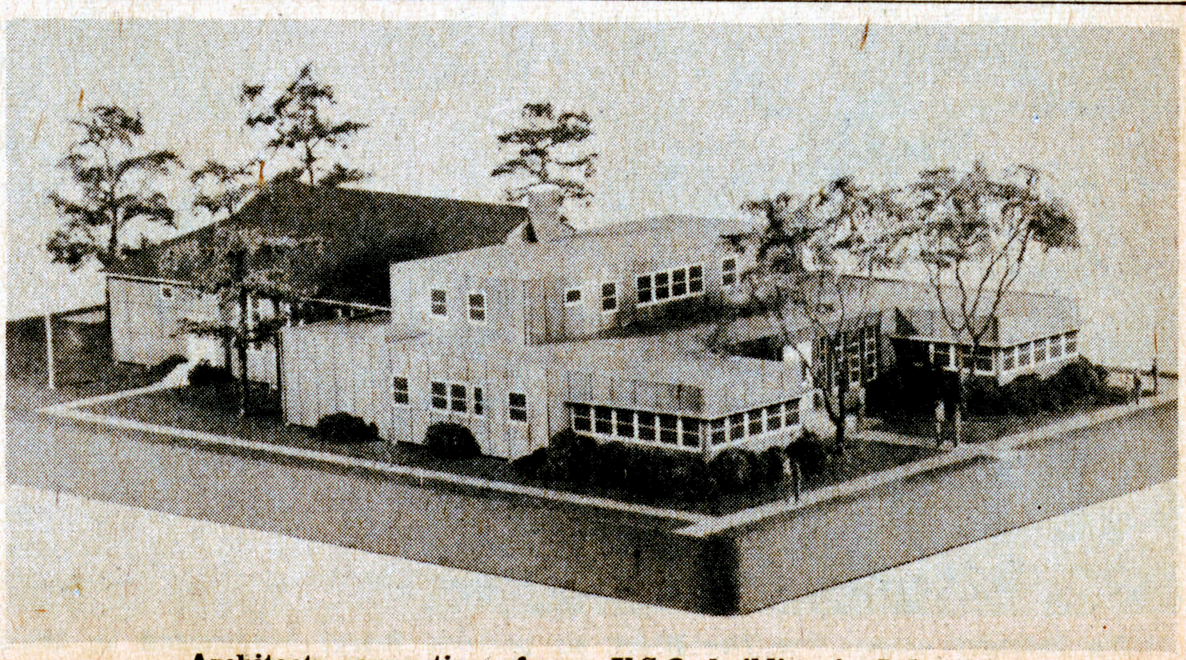
Eight months ago I stated that it was my ambition to turn over to the United States the best division of our army and I now know that I can do it. I am very proud of you.

Prisoners of war . .! Pfc's W. Thomas and H. Wiedemeier, 1st Armored Division, Co. G. 6th Infantry, Fort Knox, Kentucky. (whar dey keep da gold.) Our "guests" stand in front of a Red Army ½ track scout car, also captured in the battle.

Engineers truck pulls a bulldozer. Members of 103rd Engineers did yeoman service in fording streams, etc. Major J. J. Borbidge, Jr. (rear of truck) supervises this tedious operation.



A captured tank crew takes it easy. 103rd Observation Squadron plane overhead sizes up the situation from the air.



Architects conception of new U.S.O. building in Lebanon.

In the Field of SPORTS

by * * * * * *
"DAVE" ZINKOFF
SPORTS EDITOR

Gentlemen of the 28th Division—it is the fervent hope of this column that the Field House for the Iron Division will become a reality in short order!

As a reminder, it would be well to remind your morale officer of your athletic needs and wishes. Make yourself known, push your sporting needs and in this fashion, good will result.

Major James S. Williams, of the Division Morale Office, has suggested that all types of sports can be sponsored. The purpose is to get the most amount of athletic good to the greatest number for real benefits. Tho organization may be difficult, in point of numbers, get out to the recreation room and practice by yourself!

Good morale can be built by giving the soldier his athletic needs as befits the individual wants. It is realized by the powers-that-be that a variance of sports is necessary to benefit the greatest number. Too much has been made of the major sports in print and promise. The little fellow will now have his say in the all-important matter. Such events as quoits, badminton, volley ball, swimming and darts will now enjoy their full share of the army spotlight.

Get to know your morale officer! Keep in constant touch with him concerning your athletic needs and this column knows that mutual benefits will be the happy result!

Pot-Pourri Pot-Luck

This columnist has broached a subject dear to the hearts of many. When Major General Edward Martin was approached as to the feasibility of some measure of reward for the careful driver, he was most receptive and enthusiastic!

In his varied brilliant career, General Martin was once a general manager of a transportation company. His company, like the leading transport organizations of the U. S. A., always offered some sort of bonus or material gain for the careful wheel-handler. It was his wholehearted wish that the Army would offer a fender-plaque or a badge of some definite design to differentiate the conscientious army driver from the not-so-careful variety.

Many purposes would be served. Primarily, the careful driver would strive to keep his record spotless; second, it would be a definite goal for many beginners to strive for; third, it would have a grand morale building effect on the hundreds of men-in-khaki who do fine work behind the wheel and never receive any sort of recognition for their all-important work.

You will agree that accidents of the major and minor variety could and should be cut to the absolute minimum. Too many machines have taken the toll of human life. It has been estimated by a leading insurance company that more individuals were killed in auto accidents last year than in the World War! A leading automobile company is featuring "Give Courtesy for Christmas"—in an effort to stem the tide of automobile deaths.

A medal (fashioned after the sharpshooters) would be a big boost to the morale of the Army vehicle drivers for careful wheel manipulation, and the benefits to the Army would know no limit!

Sports in the South

The 166th Field Artillery Basket Ball team, fresh from its victorys over the 148th Infantry and 141st Field Artillery, continued along its winning ways Thursday night when it defeated a strong Pearl River Junior College five, 42 to 33.

Sparked by Manzi and Rhodes, who collected 13 and 11 points respectively, Lieutenant Light's Gunners held a 22 to 21 lead at half time. "Whitey" Ford with five field goals and two fouls for 12 points, was high scorer for the collegians.

The Pennsylvania artillerymen will take the court again Saturday evening when they face the 42nd Engineers at the N.Y.A. hall in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

"Remember our old pal Charley who got married to avoid the draft . . . the guy who couldn't stand fighting . . .?"

SPECIAL TROOPS

Our trip to the Gap has been completed. The extensive maneuvers are now history. Reluctantly we said good-bye. It was fun knowing you all down yonder, it was fine to learn the real meaning of southern hospitality. We hope you won't forget us. We shan't, and we're going to try to spread a little of the southern atmosphere up north.

If the maneuvers was enacted on a simulated basis, there was nothing simulated about its armistice. When the word same of the war's termination a riot of celebration broke loose. Fireworks were set off, rifles were shot into the sky, huge bon fires blazed, and lusty voices gave forth with some of the good old ballads. The end of the war meant home.

No wonder spirits soared!

Sorry to hear that Pvt. Frank Esmonde, medico, is in the Evacuation Hospital at Rockingham pending an appendectomy operation. We hope the operation won't be necessary, and that Frank will be with us shortly.

Pvt. "Bing" Myers has recently been sporting a "shiner". Its origination is varied, according to the tall tales of Bing . . . PFC Chauncey Wherry and Pvt. Ed Doran, both from Headquarters, are juke box enthusiasts, and they aren't particular whose nickel is dropped in the slot. As long as they can have their favorite tunes, they'll listen!

The hobby of collecting arrow heads is spreading thru the army like a rumor. Latest enthusiasts are Capt. Frank Laskowski, Sgt. Albert Gagne, Pvt. Jim McGovern, and Pvt. Calvert Blake . . . Sgt. Harry Reiff can really tickle the ivories . . . Sgt. John Duffy is a proud papa. Belated congratulations!

During our stay in the south we've enjoyed the many nights we have spent in the log cabin attached to the Forestville M. E. Church. We can never thank enough the Misses Maggie and Sally Clark for their generosity and unstinted kindness. Because of them, the cabin grew to be the "homiest" place in the Carolinas. We'll miss Mrs. Wall and her piano playing. The memory of that little cabin in the pines will be vivid, just as long as the Carolina moon continues to shed her beams upon its roof.

We found out one thing by our trip down South. It *IS* true what they say about Dixie!

Lt. Col. Frederick P. Houghton, 28th Division Chaplain, reads the Good Book to the men, during inclement weather.

1325TH SERVICE UNIT

Many changes have occurred in the Headquarters Detachment, some affecting the personnel of Post Headquarters, Corporal Wilbur Rankin, clerk assigned to the S-2 office and Privates Walter Endrusick and Nelson Trefsgar of the Message Center were reassigned to the Military Police Section. Private Holmes H. Teves received orders from the Third Corps Area transferring him to the Panama Canal Department, Coast Artillery Unassigned. Sergeant Harry D'Arment Theatre Staff and Asst. Manager of the West Theatre was discharged per expiration of term of enlistment. We have it from a good source that Private Spcl 4cl Melvin Heaps, Adjutant General's Section will join the Theatre Staff.

An old number has been resurrected by the Headquarters boys; "Those Wedding Bells are breaking up that old gang of mine." Technical Sergeant Alex Wanczak, Chief Clerk, Post Exchange Staff has joined the Order of the Benedicts. We wish him an abundance of luck. Then again, a certain Staff Sergeant of Headquarters was seen emerging from the Marriage License Bureau, County Court House, Harrisburg with a silly grin on his face and a fair lassie on his arm. That can mean only one thing.

One of the queerest radio installations known to present day science may be seen in the privately owned conveyance of Corporal "Prince Charming." Only a master mind could conceive such a contrivance.

Newcomers to Headquarters: Privates Garry F. Collins and Edward J. Bornak, having recently returned to the States from overseas.

In the Quartermaster Detachment, we offer congratulations to Staff Sergeants Willard Edgerton and Joseph M. Burke; promoted to Technical Sergeants.

Private 1cl Lane M. Brown, Medical Detachment was appointed Corporal. Private Howard L. Britton same detachment returned to duty after completing the General Course at the Army Medical Center, Washington, D. C.

Private Samuel J. Larussa, Medical Detachment was transferred to the U. S. Army Air Base, Windsor Locks, Conn., while Technical Sergeant Harry J. Lawson, Veterinary Detachment departed for Fort Myer, Virginia.

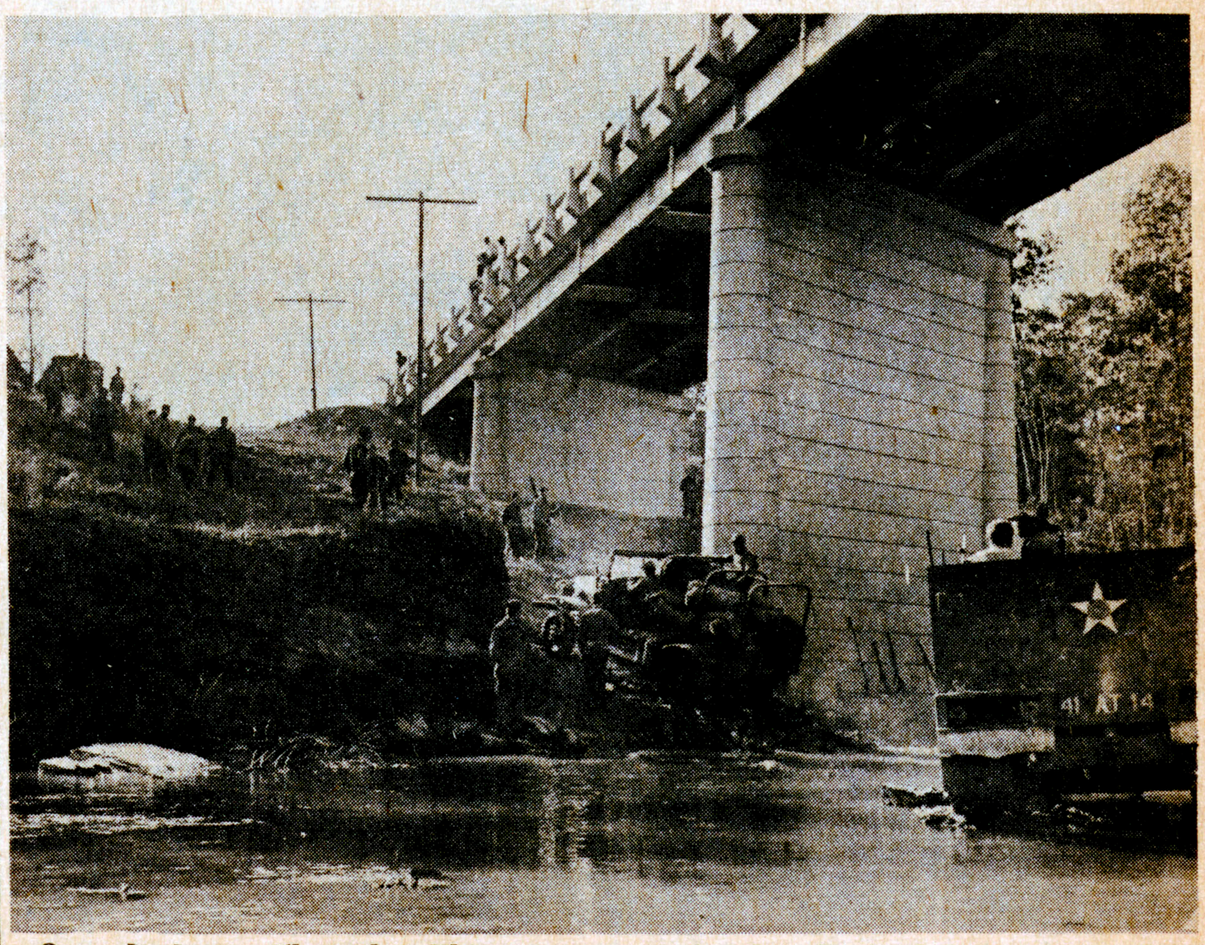
Rastus had been arrested for speeding. This was his fifth offense, and as he was presented to the Judge, he muttered suspiciously like an oath.

"'Peat that," thundered the Judge.

"Ah didn't say nothin'," begged Rastus.

"You did say something and I want you to repeat it!'

"All Ah says was 'God am de jedge, God am de jedge'."



Over, Under or Through. This weapons carrier, heavily loaded, has successfully forded the stream, and starts to climb the bank.

55TH INFANTRY BRIGADE

Headquarters Company

The personnel of this company, including many Staff officers, have been busily engaged in the fine art of whittling. No doubt our recreation room at the Gap will soon be bedecked with memoirs of the Carolina Maneuvers.

Pvt. John Zelinka created a phantom head out of a watermellon. This was tied to the radiator of his wire truck and in it was inserted a flashlight. He is toying with the idea of having it patented to replace the standard black-out-light.

Pfc. Ernest Columbus, former orderly to General Aiken, has returned to our company to take up similar duties with General Gill.

We have, within our ranks, several basketball luminaries who are planning a schedule of games. We invite other intra-division teams to challenge us. Please contact Pvt. Thomas Summers of this company.

If nothing else, the maneuvers taught the New York boys that the Isle of Manhattan is only a small portion of the United States.

109TH INFANTRY

Small, unimportant items though they be, it is these twice told tales, heard at every "bull" session, that will be the real history of the Carolina maneuvers long after the headline stories of sensational "victories" are forgotten . . . Grayhaired veterans of this famous maneuver sitting before firesides of the future will smile in remembrance as they tell of the time . . . When Company E's mess crew went merrily out to battle fully clad in soldierly armor, ready for combat, but . . . minus the oh, so necessary food . . . And listeners will surely chuckle at the many stories of "stripe happy" privates . . . particularly about the time when newly appointed Corporals, Lustig and Mathias, so pre-anticipated their new rank that they received mail addressed "Corporal"—a day before the Special Order verifying the appointment was issued.

And with a "God bless him," the good Father Schott of Harrisburg, Pa., and the Soldiers' Service Center there, will be outstanding in the memory album, for his kind deeds that recognized no distance and extended clear into the maneuver area, via letters and gifts . . . and in the same light, blessings will be heaped upon this regiment's own ministers of God, who fought a greater battle against more difficult odds, so that each soldier might stand by his God and his country.

Surely the tale bearers, sitting beside the camp fire light, will speak of Ed. Swanin, Esq., insurance clerk deluxe who "wrote up" in one day, $100,000 worth of government insurance . . . Nor will PFC Bill Corley, Headquarters Company, be forgotten, as the cup of good cheer is passed around, for those little "extras", given freely to all, as he made his rounds as regimental runner. . . . The famed "ghost truck" driven by Joe Gibbons of the transportation section, with its ornaments of skulls and bones collected over a period of one month. . . . And Bob Campbell's kindly switch-boarding in Hq. Co., praise which should be heard out in his native Aurora, Ill.

And lastly, but by no means least, the rear echelon's gallant stand the day it was besieged by the "enemy" and how it put the "Reds" on the run in a hasty defense set up by cooks, K.P.'s, clerks and truck drivers . . . and . . . and . . . and . . . an inexhaustable supply of memories . . . but still . . . the Aurora Beacon Flash . . . is silent . . . why?

110TH INFANTRY

On maneuvers we complained about the weight of our packs, but the biggest and heaviest pack isn't carried by a soldier! No sir'ee. Old man Santa Claus carries a pack many times bigger and heavier than the one we hoist upon our back. Yet old St. Nick goes around spreading good cheer, regardless of the conditions of the world or what he has in his pack.

There is no doubt that in our field pack are piled many hardships and heartaches. But with maneuvers tucked away in our pack, we should straighten up and look the world in the eye, with the tingling sensation of knowing that we've done our share to keep America first. Let's not bring our grievances home to jell—our families are worried enough already. The papers have already told them the bad things about the world, so why repeat them like a broken record. Complaining to our loved ones is inimical to our American heritage.

Let's render our packs as bare as Mother Hubbard's kitchen, of the unpleasant things in Army life, and instead let's fill it to the brim with the pleasant facts. Let's bring home to them the fact that we are now mature men—healthy in body and mind. That the tough experiences are benefiting us. They are proud of us—we must reassure this faith.

Through a "Peep Sight": Pvt. Paul Tussey, Headquarters Company, blew taps the other night just for the benefit of Tech. Sgt. Herb Wissenger . . . —The 110th must really be tops or at least very captivating. Pvt. Donald W. Holdman Company A, 102d Infantry, 43 Division, was a "Red" that was captured by Company H. At the present he can still be found with Company H, having sent for a transfer from the 43d Division . . .—Company D boasts of the Snuff twins—Cope and Hagen, otherwise known as Pfc. Oliver Q. Cope and Pfc. Nathanel B. Hagen . . . —Tech. Sgt. Floyd Motter discovered 50 rounds of ammunition in his belt, after the Headquarters boys had practically given up fighting because of no powder . . . —Pvt. Forrest Lockhard received a rabbit in the mail the other day, and here he has been claiming he hasn't had any luck!

Know Your Buddies:—Introducing 1st Sergeant Edward F. Leonard of D Company. He has been knocking around the 110th for more than 13 years. It all began back on July 11, 1928 when a lanky lad stepped up and signed on the dotted line for service with the PNG. His specialty is heavy weapons work, and his rating as Top Kick is the culmination of a long series of ups (and downs). Even though his teeth are deserting him and his hair isn't holding that line, he still has a good memory. Anyway he still remembers the time he turned Sgt. (now Lt.) Manges' tent around during the night and had him fall out on the wrong company street for reveille. He's been the shining light of Company D for a long time.

103D QUARTERMASTER

The "War" is over, and we said good-bye to that land of hospitality. A great many of us have made friendships which will never be forgotten, and it is with some regret that we left North Carolina. Indiantown Gap seems like Paradise however.

The "Armistice" of the final phase was signed on Friday at 4 P.M., but it was not til 6:15 P.M. that Col. Shoemaker and his staff learned of its signing, by means of a commercial news cast on the radio. The regiment was ready to advance a distance of 25 miles into South Carolina when the radio report came through. The trip would have been rather unnecessary, don't you think?

Shorts: Capt. John Thompson has applied for foreign Service. Lt. Sidney Cooke has been relieved from active duty and has returned to his home in Phila.—Letters from former Sgt. Robt. Mumma, who is attending Officers' Candidate School at Camp Lee, Va., tell of progress.—Capt. Karl Derr has been transferred to the 107th F. A.—Pvt. Angelo Lullo and Pvt. Cymerak quite proud of having picture taken with Regimental Commander.—Lt. Stuart Haring is still resting in the Fort Bragg hospital, while Maj. John Davis has been released from that institution and is now enjoying a 15-day sick leave.—Maj. C. F. Ellinger, 3 Bn., is on special duty with II Army Corps as Motor Vehicle inspector.

Do you know that the history of Co. C, 103d Q. M. Reg't dates back to May 17, 1777. Co. "C" hails from Pine Grove, which is probably the smallest town in Penna. which maintained an entire company of Nat'l. Guards.

Who's Who: PFC Nelson Sheffer, Med. Dept. Detach., resides in Dillsburg R. D. 1, Pa. Nels worked at the Gap before induction last February: Thinks the Army's Swell and likes All his buddies: will marry the sweetest girl in the world next fall. Nels is a grand fellow, who takes his Army job seriously.

Thanksgiving in the Field. A solemn moment in the Carolina Maneuvers as Lt. Col. F. P. Houghton, Division Chaplain, holds Thanksgiving Services.

HDQRS CO 110th INFANTRY, COMMENDED

A bit of praise is due the H.Q. company which supplies the intricate lines of communication for the 110th Infantry Regiment. This company hails from Altoona, Pa. and is commanded by a fine, courageous soldier who saw actual combat during the World War; 1st Lt. Albert Fleck, of Altoona, Pa. With its intricate telephone lines and radio communication, this company supplied the 110th Infantry Regiment with its elaborate means of communication.

Following the tradition, "Communications Must Get Thru," this unit penetrated far into the front lines, established O.P. lines to the Regimental C. P., and crossed streams by wading, when bridges were blown out.

This company also supplied an Intelligence Section which brought back to the Regimental Commander, Col. A. O. King, vital information upon which he based his plan of attack.

Its section chiefs, Tech. Sgt. Floyd Mottar, Tech. Sgt. Walter Williams, Tech. Sgt. James Johnson, Tech. Sgt. Robert McKann, Staff Sgt. Henry Schunk, together with its 1st Sgt. Charles Kelly, all of Altoona, Pa. helped make this company a fine working unit.

As we look at this companys' outstanding service record to the 110th Infantry and the 28th Division, we salute them and say—"Nice Going."

Sambo had joined a debating society, and the day after his first meeting he was being questioned by a group of his friends.

"What was de subject of de debate, Sambo?"

"De subject were, 'what is de most benefit to mankind—de sun or de moon?'" replied Sambo.

"And which side did you take?"

"De moon's," said Sambo. "I argued dat de sun shines by day when we doan' need de light, but de moon shines by night when dat light mos' certainly am needed. An' dey couldn't answer dat, suh!" —Chaparral.

Command Car, 109th Infantry, proves its amphibian powers as it crosses Lynches River.

Pvt. Frank Romanchak, 280th Pigeon Co., Camp Clairborne, La., releases one of the flock with an important message from the front.

56TH INFANTRY BRIGADE

Headquarters Company

Quite a few things have occurred since the completion of maneuvers to make the boys of Headquarters Company overwhelmed with joy. First of all, Pay Day rolled around in due course and a mutual exchange found most of them with more folding stuff on hand than ever before, as the last two weeks spent in the field offered very little, if any, opportunity to spend any excess. Then too, the return to Indiantown Gap was given a tremendous ovation. These items of morale-lifting, coupled with the fact that the Carolina Maneuvers were definitely completed, have made the entire outfit overflowing with enthusiasm.

1st Lt. Arthur W. Hutchison, who was assigned to this Headquarters from the 112th Infantry, acting as S-1 and S-4, for the period of Major Blank's absence, left recently to attend a Heavy Weapons Course at the Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga. His absence will be keenly felt by the members of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, as his attitude and performance of duties during the Maneuvers was very much appreciated.

SONG OF THE A P O 28TH

To be sung to the tune of the 28th Division song.

We are the boys of the A P O
Who handle all the mail—
We work morning noon and night
We work mail by candle light.

We are the boys who build morale
For men of the 28th
Hail, hail for the men who work the mail
In the 28th Division
28th Division
28th Division way!

Composed by Charles Richter of the P O

111TH INFANTRY

"Gap-happy" at last. We are now back in shining Indiantown, about which we have dreamed for the past couple of months. Gay was our farewell from Carolina which unobligingly produced a wintry wind the night we left, but, after all, it only served to make the huge bonfire that much more attractive. Our cheers once again were for Eddie Burns, now known as "Sgt. Murphy," who did a swell job of "Emceeing" our last week in camp. He and Sgt. George Giacchiano, who give us our many amateur shows, once more put their heads together and unearthed the usual good 111th talent. Al Small, his violin, and Buddy Epp and his guitar have now become fixtures in Eddie's shows. Mr. Church and the Band and Vic Hugo with his swing orchestra outdid themselves in spite of the cold. Also, Father Horn contributed his usual fine songs. Among other entertainers were Col. Riley with his Irish songs, Capt. Devine's quartet, the D Co. trio, the Four Grenays from K, yodelling Happy Standeman, and others.

These boys deserve a lot of credit for their constant contribution of their time and talents for our enjoyment and morale.

We welcome Major Zielinski as our new regimental morale officer and know he'll find us all more than willing to cooperate.

We congratulate Capt. Michael Tindle of H Co. on his recent appointment by the War Department as instructor at Valley Forge Military Academy. H Co. is very glad to have Lieut. Joseph Williams as their new captain.

Last week our column was cut because of our photographic issue. We continue now with the column intended for last week.

We think last Sunday's Philadelphia *Inquirer* summarized the 111th's fine job in maneuvers; we quote: "The Battalion which captured an enemy division command post during the finale of the war games was revealed today to have been the outfit known as "Martin's Raiders", composed of men from the Philadelphia area. . . . This was the Third Battalion of the 111th Infantry, headed by Lt. Col. Linwood D. McClure of Norristown, which followed up the 191st Tank Battalion in the deepest thrust into enemy territory made by the entire Blue Army."

We are given to understand that K Company was in the main responsible for this success, and the top kick, Joe Bennett is justly proud of his boys' performance.

Clean sheets and a bed are a novelty, in fact a luxury, to most of us after the past couple months lounging among the pine needles . . . or do we need to stress that point? Many of the boys were awakened in a sleeping haven in Jefferson, S. C. when Anti-Tank's Sgt. Joe Carrolla and Pvt. "Lefty" Gallelli proceeded to have a game of pool at five A.M. K Company's Sgts. "Moon" Carolanto and Joe DeAngelo quite frightened a "Jim Crow" while talking to "Joe Crow" with a hungry look in their eye. Joe Crow it seemed, was a pet talking crow of said Jim Crow, and the rifles, according to the owner, brewed no good. We hope he doesn't brood too much.

Ernie Squillante, had Service Company in quite an uproar the other night with a nightmare which was far too realistic for his companions. He dreamed there were snakes in the weapons carrier in which he and several others were sleeping, and so realistic was the dream that he struck out at one and upset a lamp thereby cutting his hand. Between the blood and his somnambulistic ravings completed the somewhat lugubrious mirage a la Black Out.

Medico driver, Pfc Johnny Ballezzi, distinguished by never quite getting captured, got so used to driving in blackouts, that when first he drove with headlights on, he proceeded to get completely lost, and wandered way out of his way. Who says we're not well trained? Actual casualities were so few that Pvt. Art Newmann turned horse doctor and bandaged the lacerated hind limb of an injured 104th equine. We wonder what the medical department thought when they examined the casualty report, and found this horsey item? As is always the case, after going through the entire maneuver without mishap, an A Company touch (?) football player broke his leg only a few hours after the Armistice. Such is luck, and we hope that he is well on the road to recovery.

Corp. Robert Peters of Medical is anxious to return to Philly, for on December 20, he will be married to Miss Marion C. Whittaker of Philadelphia, at St. James Lutheran Church. Strange to say, he will then be the only married member of the Medical detachment, excluding officers, of course. Medical has voted a new honorary member—Lt. Evelyn of Service Company.—Realizing that motor parts need attention, as well as those of the human body, Lt. Evelyn gave a most interesting talk on

Maj. Gen. Robert M. Vail, Adj. Gen. of Penna. took part in historic Armistice Day Program in the Carolinas.

Members 112th Infantry await the command to charge.

motors to the detachment . . . so in appreciation of his courtesy, he has been placed by them in the above category.

Pvt. Drew of M Company proved his prowess as a football player when he broke through Red interference after capturing a message dropped from an airplane to the 43rd Q.M. C.P. After at least an 80 yards run, he scored a touchdown by finally delivering said message to Lt. Col. McClure. Corp. Schapis was much chagrined, when, after "gently" kicking somebody under a shelter half, and telling him to get dressed as he was captured, to see the victim reach for his shirt . . . and there reposed gold leaves on the shoulders. Nuggets to 3rd Bn's Agent officer, 2nd Lt. Grahame Wood, Jr. for since he has been paying the battalion, he has always come out correctly to the penny. And that is a feat when one thinks of the money that is paid out.

112TH INFANTRY

The GHQ maneuvers is over at last and here we are back in good old Indiantown. We understand that the 112th, in acting as the spear-head of the Division in the first part of the maneuver, covered itself with glory.

It is quite a change, getting back to heated barracks after our long stay in the woods. Staff Sgt. Dominic Ingaldi of G Company, however, likes the open so much that it grieves him to return to civilization.

The maneuver for most of us was rather thrilling business, but two privates of the first battalion got an extra kick that was not on the program. The first private thought his pup-tent pardner was crowding him and sleepily shoved him over. At least he thought it was his pardner. It turned out to be a big black bear who was trying to get at some candy bars in one of the packs. Luckily the bear was as frightened as the hair-edged private and loped away on the double.

Of all our memories, the most vivid is the declaration of peace at 4:20 P. M. that memorable Friday afternoon. We will never forget the smiles on dirty unshaven faces, the blast of artillery, the smoke pots and tank mines. No part of the war was as hot as this last celebration and no part was more welcomed.

In leaving the Carolinas we leave part of ourselves behind.

103D ENGINEERS

Colonel Anderson's unbeaten record for not using a shelter tent was shattered recently when a very hard rain forced him to put it up for the first time.

The question everyone in H & S Company is talking about is: "What Master Sergeant in the Map Section walked over two bridges that were blown up"?

Pvts. C. O'Brein and Wm. Aleshire of the Band demonstrated their motherly instinct when they were awakened one evening by a noise which upon investigation proved to be a small friendly dog. They made room for him amongst their blankets and covered him with their jackets. They awakened several times later to see if he was properly covered.

Sgt. Jerry Mulligan of the Band missed his flock so much during the last maneuver that he almost cried when they returned to the fold.

Promotions in Company A:—Corp. F. Burns to Sergeant, Pfc. T. Cerwood to Corporal, Pfc. Anton Ruber to Corporal.

Sgt. G. Duvak of Company A is getting a lot of kidding about his hair growing efforts. Now he has one under his nose which is surpassing that on his head.

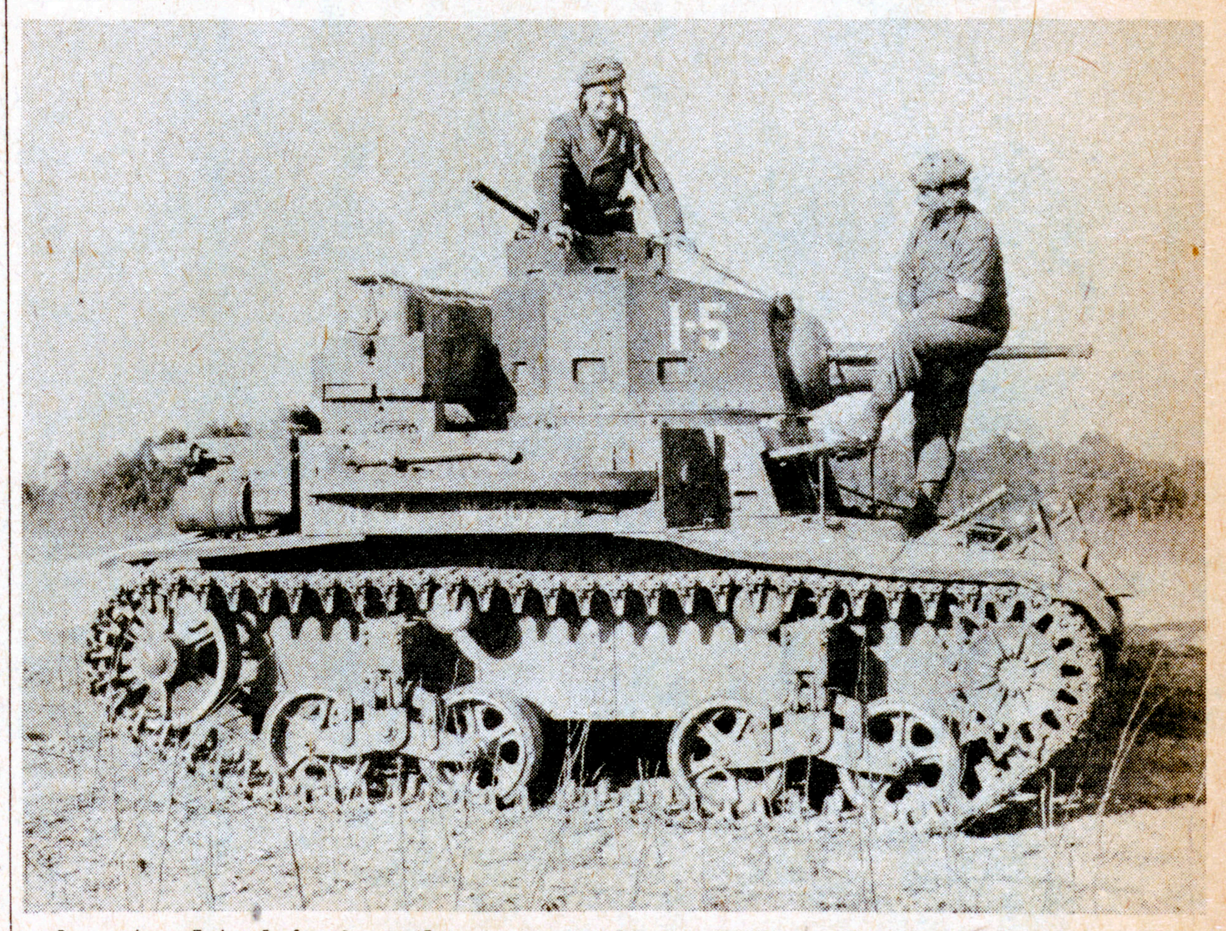
Pvt. C. Truckenmiller of Company "E" really earns the title of "Shorty". He measures just an even 5 ft. and he has to stretch to do it.

Co. A under the command of 1st Lt. Letzel completed two fords in record breaking time. The first one was built in 32 minutes and the one over Thompson's Creek was completed in less than 2 hours timed perfectly so that the 109th Infantry could use it. The next day the company captured 7 vehicles to prove they are also Combat Engineers.

Sgt. Mike Korenstein picked up a dog and named him C Rations.

1st Sgt. Aron's pride and joy is his Sanitation Squad. Commanded by Pfc. C. Talley. Other members are:—Pvts. J. Ward, P. Cramer, J. Gilmore, E. McCarty, Wm. Lancaster and Pvt. Ounan from the Band.

Pvt. E. Grykin earned the title of the "worst looking" soldier in H & S Co., while Pvt. M. Catrambone is turning out to be the company's "speed demon."



A captured tank is given the once-over by Lt. William Hamlin, 28th Div. P. R. O. and Al Gough, correspondent for the Pittsburgh Telegraph. Lt. Hamlin in tank turret.

53RD FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE

Headquarters Battery

The successful maneuvers of the Carolinas have closed, climaxed by the smooth march back to the Gap. In the minds of the soldiers, and in the hearts of the good citizens of the Southland, the tremendous experience of our sojourn will live forever. The good soldiering; and the welcome of the South, have served to create a reciprocal feeling of kinship between the armed forces and the kind of Americans we are proud to fight for. The 53rd Field Artillery Brigade distinguished itself by its usual fine brand of efficiency and ability.

Headquarters Battery "yarned" all the way back to the Gap. Sgt. Kinder and Sgt. Rodden vied with each other in recounting stories of their conquests in various spots in the South. Pvt. Herman Getzel, the radio star, has definitely decided to bivouac indefinitely in Greensboro, North Carolina after his soldiering days are over, and in this resolve he will have plenty of company. Pvts. Buchanon and Goffredson swapped tales with Pvts. Dear and Hoffman about Charlotte.

The end of the war games meant that Sgt. Charlton and his crowd of gunners could come out of hiding and cease being our local security. Pvt. Spano, Potorsnak, Green, Rutland, Peach and their understudies said that they were about to form a Hermit's Club, such was their solitude and loneliness. Almost without exception they are talkative chaps and the protracted vigils of the phase had them talking to themselves.

A word of thanks and appreciation must be extended to our talented Maintenance Section. Pvt. Charles Hynes, our ace mechanic, who has so ably assisted by Pvt. Byrne, Nichols and Tucker, kept the Battery rolling and did noble work day and night, on our trucks and equipment. Congratulations to our new Cpl. Ray Keirn and new Mess Sgt. Howard Daniels; they are two of the best. Goodbye and good luck to Cpl. Warren Gibson and Pvts. Jimmy Gibson and Plover who took off for Fort Sill and Specialist Courses. Pvt. Schmick said it all when he prophesied "Someday I'll be back there". And that's how we all feel about the fine country we have just come from.

The winding Pee Dee and the battlegrounds around Peachland, Pageland, and Mt. Croghan serve as scenic backdrops for the hardships, joys and never-dying enthusiasm of the men of the 53rd FA Brigade.

107TH FIELD ART.

The close of the Carolina Maneuvers of 1941 marks another chapter in the splendid glorious history of the 107th Field Artillery. Tireless effort enabled the regiment to complete the task outlined by higher headquarters. Taking its cue from the aggressiveness of Lt. Col. John Nuckel, C. O. and Major Robert McKie, S-3 it was a continuous drive and push for the entire regiment.

Making a snappy getaway from the final bivouac area near Pageland in the early dawn Nov. 28 the regiment returned to camp. A cleanup of materiel and personnel completed our week. At the Regimental Service, Chaplain Burleigh Peters based his sermon on his observations on the maneuvers—with no punches pulled! Payday and the welcome news that our return to the Gap had been ordered two days sooner made it a memorable day.

Monday marked the beginning of a very busy week with all hands determined that camp was to be closed in a creditable manner.

2d Lt. Howard S. Abdo, recent graduate of the Battery Officer's Course at Ft. Sill and assigned to A Btry. is a former Michigan State tackle having played against the well known Tom Harmon. Pfc John Burrows recent hero of the outpost detail suffered the ignominy of capture.

1st Bn. Hq. C.O. Capt. Fausnaught has been transferred to Biloxi Feld Miss. 1st Lt. Robert Pegg assumed command of the battery during the GHQ maneuver.

Sgts. Montich and Scaringi, of C Btry. gun sections, are credited with several instances of timely artillery fire on mechanized forces. Sgt. Charles Gordon earned himself a warm spot when he served hot limeade on the cold nights of the maneuver. The close of the problem brought some disappointment to the gun sections as they had been selected by B-55 to lead the raid on Kershaw. 2d Lt. Alfred Kettler of Ft. Wayne, Ind. a graduate of Purdue, joined the battery during the GHQ exercises. He is a R.O.T.C. graduate and has completed the Btry. Officer's Course at Ft. Sill.

To Pvt. Stephen Miller came the reward for untiring attention to duty at the radio when he received the last official tactical message of the Carolina Maneuvers. All units have unstinted words of praise for their communications sections who at great personal sacrifice labored to keep us in touch with the other units.

107th F. A. Message Center in Field. Pvt. M. Trivett and Cpl. P. Campbell, both of 1st Bn. HQ.

Pvt. Marion Trivett of 1st S & A (from the Tennessee Mountains) entertains his cronies with many quaint hill billy ditties.

1st Lt. Orion Adams, general Claims and Damage officer reports that he has found our areas were left in fine shape and that the farmers of the Carolinas were glad to cooperate in providing the land for our training. With our return to the Gap Lt. Adams has plans for a Morale Program of large proportions.

108TH FIELD ART.

All of us, with nary a dissenting vote, will agree this is our top-week spent in the City of Brotherly Love . . . The boys of the 108th F. A. went all-out for the polishing and priming processes and getting the materiel into tip-top shape was the order of the week . . . This column shouts thanks a Million to the following for making the 6 days long-to-be-remembered: Graduate Manager Earl Yeomans and the Athletic Board of Temple University for admitting the 108th F. A. men-in-khaki to the opening Basktball Game of the season at Mitten Hall on Wednesday night last; a lusty cheer to Promoter Eddie Gottlieb, owner-manager of the SPHAS who admitted men-in-uniform gratis to his wrestling show at the Arena last night; to the thousands of Philadelphians who went out of their respective paths to make us more-than-average comfortable . . . Today we will strut our finest plumage for the onlookers and we know they will be most appreciative! . . . Today is the 101st Anniversary of this distinguished Regiment and we of the 108th F. A. will do our best to keep this outfit among the best in the U. S. A.! . . . A tribute, too, to Colonel Edward Hubbs and his tireless staff for the excellent methods used in getting us home without mishap and in fast style! . . . The 108th F. A. wishes the most of the best to the following who celebrate their respective Natal Days:

This column wishes the most of the best to the Headquarters Second Quintet comprising Charley Bik, Robert Brauner, Freddy Schweitzer, William Bach and Eddie Dietrich; the Quartet of Barber Shop harmony sing out with Henry Schweitzer (Brother of the foregoing), Danny Casey, Frank Castognozzi and Teddy Wegener; the Band is in the groove with Jack Magaziner; Headquarters Once comes thru with the Trio of Carmen Mattia, Martin Kaffinberger and Dick Amsel; the Easy E's have Roy Hastings, Eddie Kaczynski and George Turgeon (a recent importation from Fort Bragg); and the Commanding C's are offering felicitations to Victor Salvas, their newest addition and a broth of a lad who has sixty ring victories to his credit!

Charley Mathis of the Almighty A's; Gerry Schneider, formerly with the Regimentals and now with the Air Corps Zoomers!; Eddie Delinski of the Gadabout goos; the Easy E's present Irvin Berman and Cliff Bergstrom; the Anti-Tankers have blitzers Martin Friedman and George Clementson to felicitate; Headquarters First have a trio of luckylads namely: Don Brown, Warren Sailer and Georgie Metz; the Second, not to be outdone gives out with its trio, to wit: Bill Latt, Sidney Freedman and Frankie Mento; the show closes with a Happy Birthday telegram to Harry Donovan of Service and Ammunition Second . . . Sergeant Arnold Haggerty has a gifted hand of the artist. His paintings on the SA 1 trucks and command car are the talk of the Regiment . . . Steve Stramonine, of the same outfit, has the makings of a poet laureate, but if his lines were submitted to the GUARDSMAN he would have all the boys love-sick! . . . Almost forgot to include the Birthday of Stanley "Hungry" Strupagiel of the A's . . . The Busy BEES wish that one and all would wiseup and pay attention to the fact that Al Kaltenback will play poker, Red Heart or five-man with anyone in the Regiment BUT it is necessary for Al to use his OWN deck of cards! Seriously, though, Al is a top notch performer and will soon perform for the lads of the 108th F. A. in Rec. Hall! . . . Turnabout is fair play! The most unusual sight of the maneuver was to watch Barber Moe Infante, of Hq. 2 barber the hair of Barber Frankie Melino of E; then in 10 minutes the procedure was reversed and Barber Frank Melino barbered the hair of Barber Moe Infante! . . . Cpl. Bobby Zimmerman is a good hand at basketball and will show for the boys as soon as another game is arranged . . . The band did a grand job of guarding during the GHQ maneuver and will be presented with a new march by Warrant Officer Robert Pennington . . . Happy to see Johnny Lasik of E on the health list and this column commands Danny Bortz, Bill Lockhart and Elmer Sutters to get well immediately! . . . If ever you care to watch a delicate bone operation on the knees—watch Sergeant Forrest of the Busy BEES go to town with those educated dotted cubes . . . Congrats are the order of the day to Sergeant Dave White of A whose wife presented him with a junior edition of sergeant material! . . . Eddie O'Leary of Headquarters 1st reports progress on his fire-marking trip through the U. S. A. He canvassed 14 states in as many days and recorded many an unusual experience. The Regiment is happy to have you back with us, Irishman O'Leary! . . . Happy Birthday to Peter Mroz of the Commanding C's... Snuffy "Shorty" Smith of the same outfit is a great big morale builder—always good for a laugh! . . . Dave "Pop" Welch of S and A 1 has a new soup strainer that is scaring all the cooks . . . Ben "Snockey" Johnson of the Pills for all Ills Dept. is now fully recovered since he received that package containing sea-food from Philadelphia! . . . Jit Toner just wished a H. B. to Tommy Votta of the Medicals over a steaming cup of home-made coffee with plenty of cream . . . The 108th F. A. extends the hand of welcome to newly acquired lieutenants Robert Paine (B); John Money (A) and Richard Simon (E) . . . Corporal Forman of E lost his camera, mess, equipment, haversack, raincoat, winter hat, shoes, etc., and this covers 37 more items. All these were lost during the GHQ maneuver; will the finder please contact the loser, bringing all the stuff in 2 trucks!

At the well. Members of 107th F. A. draw some water to wash some clothes Pvts. G. McGarrah, M. Bogacc and J. Smith.

My wife ran off with the butler, I'm satisfied. Furthermore, my house burnt down and I haven't any insurance. I'm satisfied. And to cap everything off business is so bad I'm going bankrupt, but in spite of everything, I'm satisfied. I smoke Chesterfields.

109th F. A. fires new 75-mm in action against tanks in fierce drive against Maj. Gen. Oscar Griswold's "Red" forces in the Carolinas.

109TH FIELD ARTILLERY

Our French addicts tell us that our regimental motto, "En avant" means "forward". During the entire maneuvers we lived up to our motto and the whole Division seems also to have adopted it. One of our sergeants remarked. "We will have to have maneuvers again next year to learn how to retreat."

The whole experience was much worth while. We watched with interest the embers of autumn die out until little remains but the "Sere and yellow leaf". We discovered the glory of the night skies. It was a real privilege to learn how the "Other half lives". We could know intimately the land and people of a less privileged section of our country. Some times we felt that we were qualifying for duty in Iceland but for the most part the weather favored us.

The very radical change between the tactics of twenty years ago and today seems to the writer the most pronounced feature of this period of training. Maj. Gen. Lloyd R. Fredendall, at the beginning of the maneuvers, warned us that he expected the artillery well forward. As he expressed it, "I don't want the French 75's so far forward that they will have to have fixed bayonets attached"! We were often confused with our infantry and not infrequently in advance of them. Our Regimental Commander and our battalion commanders, instead of being back in the deep, dark dugouts were forward with the starred commanders making the rules for the game and it showed up in the fine team play.

Col. Seneff especially commended the Service of Supply, stating, "Here is a work no one knows about until it is neglected. How the supply officers found us in the dark and kept us always supplied is beyond understanding." We feel that the maneuvering of mail and kitchens also belongs in this category.

Col. Smith informs us that Battery B. rendered several days of valued service in fire fighting around Mount Croghan, and that Battery A. was the first to cross Lynch's River.

Col. Jenkins especially commended his noncommissioned officers. He claims the battalion mission went on whether his commissioned officers were present or not. Probably nothing so well gauges the efficiency of an organization as the efficiency of its "third lieutenants," and we dare presume that the boast of the Second Battalion could as well be made by every unit of the Regiment.

The Sunday services were commendably attended.

Our band has just returned from its two month tour of duty (from reports we think it was a picnic) with First Army at Camden, S. C. They look fine and we are most happy to have them back.

"Ta' heck with the expense! Give the canary another seed."

—Exchange.

MEET COL. DOWNER

Members of the 28th Division—meet Col. John W. Downer, that well-groomed, aggressive-looking officer who served as acting C.O. of the 53rd Field Artillery Brigade during the last stages of the maneuvers in Carolina.

Col. Downer, a Regular Army officer, came to us from II Army Corps where he was serving as field artillery officer. A native of West Virginia, he cultivated his taste for the Army at Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Va., and entered the service as a "buck private" in 1901.

After going through all the enlisted ranks, he was rewarded for his services and commissioned a second-lieutenant in the infantry. The artillery beckoned to him, however, and three years after his commission (which came in 1904) he traded the small guns for the big ones.

Col. Downer is most proud of the fact that he was one of the first to go over when United States entered the World War. He left with the First Division as a battery commander, with the rank of captain. Subsequently, by reason of meritorious service, he was named a battalion commander with the accompanying promotion of major.

For his World War deeds of valor he received the Distinguished Service Cross and he was decorated with the Croix de Guerre.

After the war he assumed command of the Field Artillery School at Soumur, France, and later became acting G-3 of the U. S. Army of Occupation in France, in which capacity he served four years.

In more recent years, he was associated with the Inspector-General's department at Governor's Island (1932); was field artillery officer on the staff of the First Army (1935-37), and field artillery officer, II Army Corps (1939). He assisted in laying out Ft. Dix, N. J.

Col. Downer, a strong advocate of sports and athletics for men of his command, has played on numerous U. S. Army polo teams and in 1920 he captained the great Olympic horse show team.

Now 60, Col. Downer was appointed Colonel on August 1, 1935. This characteristic remark is typical of his military methods: "You can't command anything from a command post."

She: "You remind me of the ocean."
He: "Wild, romantic, and restless?"
She: "No, you make me sick!"

—Log.

The train came to a grinding stop and all the passengers stopped.

"What has happened, conductor?" cried a nervous old lady.

"Nothing much, madam, nothing much. We just ran over a cow."

"Was it on the track?"

"No, madam," the conductor sighed. "We chased it into the barn."

—Green Gander.

213TH COAST ARTILLERY

CAMP STEWART, GEORGIA

The 213th CA (AA) has returned from the North Carolina 1st Army Maneuvers, to Camp Stewart, Ga. the home station for the regiment. The movement was made on Monday, December 1, when the 1st vehicle left the base camp near Hoffman, N. C. at 8:36 A.M. and arrived in Camp Stewart at 10:56 P.M. The 306 mile road march was made in one day. The officers and men were very glad to return to their "home". After 10 weeks of "service living", the pyramidal tents looked good. All the fires had been lighted, all the showers had hot water. The showers were still going until the early hours of the morning. Coffee was ready in the kitchens.

On Sunday afternoon, the 2nd Battalion moved in with the 1st Battalion. At 7:30 P.M. the regiment assembled around a bonfire, and was addressed by Col. Charles C. Curtis, the Commanding Officer. Col. Curtis commended both Battalions for their splendid achievements in the maneuvers. He then spoke of the need for safety on the return movement.

Chaplain Gomer S. Rees led the men in a brief service of Thanksgiving in which he spoke on "Foundations."

Battery A has also returned to Camp Stewart. The 213th is "together again".

As of December 1, 1941 the following reassignment of officers has taken place:

1st Lt. Kenneth A. Michael becomes Commanding Officer of Battery B.

Capt. Samuel D. Frederick becomes Commanding Officer of Battery G.

1st Lt. Jack C. Smith becomes Commanding Officer of Battery F, Lt. Smith is the son of the late Col. C. J. Smith former Commanding Officer of the 213th.

Capt. James M. Galloway becomes Regimental Plans and Training Officer.

1st Lt. Ralph Michael is assigned to Battery F.

Capt. Kenneth J. Tarves becomes Adjutant to the 2nd Battalion.

Capt. Ralph O. Bowman becomes Plans and Training Officer of the 2nd Battalion.

Capt. H. R. Linkous a reserve officer becomes Commanding Officer of Battery H.

Capt. Herman Schwenk becomes Executive Officer of the 1st Battalion.

Capt. David J. Evans becomes Regimental Morale Officer.

1st Lt. Wm. J. Shea a reserve officer becomes the Commanding Officer of Battery E.

As of the same date the following officers have been placed on Detached Service and have gone to Ft. Eustice Replacement Center for a period of three months; Training Period for Junior Officers.

1st Lt. Lawrence Huth, 2nd Lt. Richard Mohr, 1st Lt. Ralph Michael, 2nd Lt. Harry Roland, 1st Lt. Wm. Rankin.

"Is the doctor in?"
"No, he went out for lunch."
"Will he be in after lunch?"
"No, that's what he went out after."

—Chaparral.

Sgt. Imhoff, H. & S. Co., 103rd Engineers gets a "cue-ball" special. "Once over lightly, Joe, and don't spare the horses."

166TH FIELD ART.

CAMP SHELBY, MISS.

The 1st Battalion of the 166th Field Artillery regiment played host to 75 young ladies Friday evening. The girls, from Hattiesburg, Mississippi, dined with the soldiers in their mess halls and then danced with the Pennsylvanians in the regiment's recreation hall.

Lieutenant Colonel William G. Hinckley, as official host, lead the Grand March with Mrs. Hinckley. Mrs. Clarence L. Bender was official hostess. Lieutenant George Wearn, of Battery A, was in charge of arrangements.

The football team was honored by the presence of Colonel Brenton G. Wallace, the commander of their regiment and Mrs. Wallace at their game last Friday at Perkinston, Mississippi. Among the other officers who attended were Lieutenant Colonel William G. Hinckley, and Mrs. Hinckley, Major George W. Mayers, Lieutenant John W. Frazier, and Lieutenant Walter E. McCrory.

Its a big jump from corporal to captain but Corporal Robert T. Burns did just that Friday morning. Corporal Burns, whose home is at 3603 Lancaster Avenue in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was formerly a member of that city's fire department and, since last February, has served with the Camp Shelby fire fighters. Upon receiving his discharge this week, he accepted the appointment as Captain in the Camp Shelby Fire Department. The motto of the 166th is "Fire For Effect."

St. Peter "How did you get up here?"
Latest Arrival: "Flu."

You can't spit and expectorate.

—Green Gander.

A five-year-old girl was prone to use swear words and the mother after trying in vain to stop her, told the child that the next time she used a bad word she would have to leave home.

Everything went well the first day, but on the second, the child was overheard swearing at her doll. So her mother packed a toy suitcase and told her to take it and go.

The youngster sat on the porch a while and presently a neighbor woman came. "Is your mother home?" she asked.

"Damn if I know, I don't live here," was the reply. —The Old Maid,

Thanksgiving in the Carolinas. Puritans of the 28th Division enjoy all the Trimmin's in a meal, fit for a king.

28TH DIVISION TO GET FURLOUGHS AS PLANNED

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Division homeward bivouac last Sunday night, shortly after they had received word of Japan's bombing attack on the Hawaiian Islands, will remain a vivid memory to the soldiers.

They had left the Carolinas that morning with high spirits and happy hearts. Before many hours had passed they shared the sobering thoughts of a nation plunged into warfare. The diversified comments, opinions, speculations and arguments heard and reheard before blazing logs were typical of what was going on in millions of American homes at the same time.

From then on the trip home seemed interminably long, and cold. The grim-lipped soldiers must have done a lot of thinking during those long hours. Not about themselves—not these boys. They knew that their mothers and dads, brothers and sisters, wives and sweethearts would be much more perturbed than they.

For the present, the paramount subject—furloughs has been settled to the soldier's satisfaction. Now they can pitch into their training with gusto.

NEW TRAINING CENTER FOR MILITARY POLICE INSTRUCTORS

A new school for the training of Military Police Officers and enlisted men is expected to be in operation by March 1, 1942 at Arlington Cantonment, Virginia, it was announced by the War Department.

The training center will be under the direction of Major General Allen W. Gullion, Provost Marshal General, with Colonel Hobart B. Brown, Commandant. Colonel Brown began his military career in 1906 in the New Jersey National Guard and served as Deputy Provost Marshal General in France following the Argonne Offensive. His staff and faculty will include Captain Allen B. Michell, former instructor in Criminal Investigation at the Philadelphia Police Academy; Lieutenant A. R. Forster, former director of the Traffic Institute of Northwestern University and Captain L. B. Babcock, former Military Police Officer, Hawaiian Division, T. H.

The objective of the Military Police course is to standardize military police operating procedures in the Army and cooperation with the civilian law enforcement agencies. Military Police service requires the highest intelligence and integrity. An intensive eight to ten weeks course will be conducted comprising such subjects as Traffic Control; Military Law; Criminal Investigation; Athletics and general military police duties devoted to the constant helpful assistance to the soldier through the tactful exercise of authority. The classes will consist of selected officers and enlisted men who will return to their commands, at the successful completion of each course, prepared to give active capable instruction.

We like to see fat people laugh, because there seems to be so much of them having a good time.

Teacher: "Bobby, give me the principal parts of the verb to swim."

Bobby: "Swim, swam, swum."

Teacher: "Good, now try dim."

Bobby: "Dim, damn—say, are you kidding me?" Analyst.

Here's another of those baby jokes:

The old lady bent over the infant in the cradle. "Ohhhhhhhh!" she cooed, "is oo a 'ittle boy baby or a 'ittle dirl baby?"

The baby turned its head and spat a stream of tobacco juice. "Sure," he growled, "what else could I be?"

Epidermis, Epidermis,
You lovely outer skin;
If I should ever lose you
What would hold me in?

Pvt. Jack Blumenthal,
Troop F, 104th Cavalry

"Tell me honestly now, old chap . . . who does this REALLY look like . . .?"

New Tank Destroyer Battalion To Be Formed

Fifty-two tank destroyer battalions will be established soon, utilizing personnel and materiel from existent anti-tank units, the War Department has announced. Approximately 10 more will be organized when personnel becomes available.

For planning purposes tank destroyer battalions will be organized on the basis of four, or the equivalent, per division.

Orders for the establishment of the new battalions, which will replace most "anti-tank" units now in existence, will become effective December 15. The new battalions will replace the following units which will revert to an inactive status: Anti-tank troops of the 1st and 2d Cavalry Division; all anti-aircraft, anti-tank platoons in Field Artillery battalions and regiments in continental United States; all Field Artillery 75 mm. antitank batteries included in 105mm. and 155 mm. howitzer battalions or regiments in continental United States. Three types of battalion are to be formed. They are: light battalions with towed weapons designed for operation with foot Infantry Divisions, light battalions with self-propelled weapons designed for attachment to Cavalry and Motorized Divisions, and heavy battalions for attachment to Armored Division, Army Corps and Armies.

The new battalions will be General Headquarters units, but each may be attached to the Army to which its major source unit is now assigned. They will be formed from anti-tank components of the Field Artillery, divisional and brigade anti-tank components of the Cavalry, existing anti-tank battalions of the Infantry, and any increase in the Army which may be made available for the purpose.

Each unit will be identified, generally, with the Arm to which its personnel is now assigned. For example, all battalions drawn from anti-tank components of the Field Artillery will be Field Artillery units.

Some may be organized at reduced strength for the present. Tables of organization will be issued at an early date. The extent to which each unit is organized originally will depend on existing housing and available personnel.

Three tank destroyer battalions, the 629th, 805th and 893rd will be sent to the newly organized Tank Destroyer Tactical and Firing Center at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland. One of the Center's units is a Tank Destroyer School where officers and enlisted men of the new battalions will be trained.

"Baby, what would you do if I held you in my arms and kissed you?"

"Yell for Father."

"Gee I thought he was in China."

"He is."

—The Pennsylvania Triangle.

"Why have you been sitting in your car there at the curb all afternoon?"

"I'm waiting for two gentlemen."

"Who are they?"

"The man who owns the car in front of me and the man who owns the car in back."

—Lampoon.

Do not forget
THE WORK OF
THE SALVATION ARMY
FOR THE NEEDY
AT CHRISTMAS

Do not forget
TO REMEMBER
THE SALVATION ARMY
IN YOUR WILL

HERE AND THERE

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Glad to see an increasing number of soldiers faithfully send copies of The PENNSYLVANIA GUARDSMAN to their folks and friends back home.

Nice going, Engineers, for that fine bridge across the Pee Dee River. The hastily-constructed pontoon enabled some of the 28th Division soldiers to cross while the highway bridge was being repaired. Several Q.M. trucks crossed by ferry built by another Engineer outfit farther down the river.

Are you up on your latest latrinograms: (1) We're not going to stay very long at Indiantown Gap, they're going to ship us to (a) Alaska; (b) Puerto Rico; (c) Texas; (d) Ft. Benning; (e) Iceland; (f) China; (g) Africa; (h) Philadelphia.

These days we hear many discussions of the relative merits of the "triangular" and "square" divisions, but from what we've seen in the past maneuvers, the old-type, supposedly lumbering "square" type has held its own. In fact, we heard from a lieutenant who heard from a major that one high officer is supposed to have sworn, after witnessing a demonstration by a "triangular" unit: "If that's a display of mobility, give me the old fashioned square division!"

While the M.P.'s had a swell Thanksgiving dinner, the Signal Company boys didn't do bad either. With company funds, they had pie, candy, cigarettes, refreshments, etc., as extras. They said they didn't have room for the turkey.

OFFICERS TRANSFERRED

Eleven more National Guard over-age-in-grade officers of the 28th Division have been ordered to administrative duties in the U. S. Army Air Corps, it has been announced.

In addition to the list of 40 officers published recently, the following are added:

Second Lieut. Harry H. Goldstein, 112th Infantry; Capt. William J. Fausnaught, Jr., 107th Field Artillery; Capt. Francis J. McNamara, 108th Field Artillery; Captain Raymond Merenda, 108th Field Artillery; Capt. Charles H. Snyder, 109th Field Artillery; First Lieut. John Jackson, 109th Field Artillery; First Lieut. George E. Kostenbauder, Jr., 109th Field Artillery; First Lieut. William S. McLean III, 109th Field Artillery; Second Lieut. Warren D. Ruth, 109th Field Artillery; First Lieut. Edward E. Plowman, Special Troops, 28th Division; Second Lieut. William E. Schmeidel, 112th Infantry.

The aforementioned officers and about half of the original 40 already have received orders to make the proper dispositions necessary before relief from present duty.

The farmer and his family had gone to bed. About midnight there was an insistent pounding on the front door. Gingerly the farmer raised the window and asked, "What do you want?"

"I want to stay here tonight," answered a suspicious-looking man.

"All right," said the farmer, "—stay there." And he shut the window.

—Sour Owl.

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Merry Christmas

"What if I did forget the mistletoe. I don't need any with my Cookie . . ."

MANEUVER CASUALTIES EULOGIZED AT REVIEW

With a solemn roll of the drums and the sounding of taps, the 28th Division and the 104th Cavalry, Tuesday, paid tribute to the six enlisted men and one officer who gave their lives to their country during the Carolina maneuvers.

Passing in review before their Commanding General, Major General Edward Martin, and Gov. Arthur H. James of the State of Pennsylvania, the troops presented an impressive appearance before the large audience who came to see them in their final dress ceremony of 1941.

General Martin delivered a brief but dynamic address to the men of his command in which he again praised their work during the Carolina maneuvers, but added that they "still have work to do."

"Regardless of your fine performance," he said, "the maneuvers disclosed deficiencies. These must be corrected. This we will do. And we must do it with the determined purpose of winning success in battle. Nothing short of perfection will suffice. I expect this of you. Your nation expects it. I know you will achieve it."

The 28th leader urged that the men conduct themselves like true soldiers while on leave. "As soldiers of the greatest nation in history, let us go home and by example teach real Americanism. We can do this by showing our pride in the service."

Gov. James, speaking extemporaneously, stated that Pennsylvania was justly proud of her division for its accomplishments during the year "Your grim determination, I know, will put an end, once and for all, to dictatorship and totalitarianism."

WELCOME SELECTEES

To the Selective Service men who joined us last week, the PENNSYLVANIA GUARDSMAN, in the name of the 28th Division, extends a hearty welcome.

We're sure you'll find that the boys of the 28th Division are as real and as full of life as other American boys whom you know, and that they will do their best to make you feel as much at home as possible.

The 28th Division is known throughout the Army as a hard-working, hard-fighting outfit, and it has great traditions to uphold. In the Battle of the Carolinas, the Keystone Division, which earned the nickname "Iron Division" during the World War because of its staying power, achieved another glorious triumph.

The Iron Division can play, too, and play hard. We hope your stay with us will be mutually happy.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Special Christmas religious programs are being planned by regimental chaplains for the soldiers remaining in camp during that holiday period.

With the new chapels offering a characteristically beautiful setting, the services will help bring the spirit of the Yuletide to the troops. Preparations to decorate the chapels, both inside and out, in a manner befitting the great occasion, are being made.

Several Catholic chaplains have announced that they may celebrate midnight mass on Wednesday night.

Be sure to attend church—enjoy the atmosphere—and sing the Christmas Carols you've enjoyed since childhood.

COUNT 10 AND PULL

Enlistment in the Infantry parachute group has been offered men of the 28th Division who possess good military records, and who are unmarried, between the ages of 21 and 30, and in good physical condition.

Application must be made through proper channels and must request a discharge for the purpose of reenlisting for three years. The infantry parachuters are located at Ft. Benning, Ga.

Service Club to Guarantee A Merry Christmas to Men Remaining in Camp

A holiday season to be made gay by dances, games and other forms of entertainment for soldiers of the 28th Division, 1325th Service Unit and the 104th Cavalry, has been planned by the Morale Section and members of the hostess staff, it was announced this week.

The dancing program got underway almost as soon as the soldiers returned from the Carolina maneuvers, and all efforts are being made to present events which will provide good times for all.

Mrs. Sylvia Sleeper Shattuck, senior hostess at the Service Club, has announced that during the holiday season, the dances will be arranged to insure representation from each regiment and other units on the post, and tickets will be distributed by the morale section on a pro-rata basis. After Jan. 6, the schedule will return to the policy in effect before maneuvers—regimental dances.

Mrs. Shattuck stated that the Service Club is open to members of the service and their friends, and invites all to make it their home during visiting hours. As for entertainment, Mrs. Shattuck explained, the programs are made up according to the demands expressed by the soldiers.

"If the boys let us know what they want," she said, "We'll do our utmost to get it for them."

In keeping with the dignity of the military, most dances held at the Club are formal; that is, girls wear evening gowns. The soldier's dress uniform, neatly pressed in keeping with best dress conduct, is his formal attire.

However, several of the hops, (usually Saturday nights) are informal, so far as the girls are concerned. But the soldier must ever be in formal dress. Musical entertainment at the formal affairs is furnished by orchestras and at the informal sessions it is of the "juke box" variety.

Following are the highlights of the program for the next two weeks:

Saturday, Dec. 20 (tonight)—Informal dance.

Monday, Dec. 22—Formal dance; girls from Lebanon and Hummelstown.

Wednesday, Dec. 24—Trimming of

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HERE AND THERE

In view of the inclement weather last weekend, it was heartening to see so many folks come to the reservation to visit the boys who were unable to go home. At the post's Guest House, there was a waiting list of 30 or 40 persons each night, and those turned away had to seek accommodations in nearby communities. The Guest House has 52 beds, generally sufficient in normal times, but apparently, not now. Many reservations for Christmas and New Year's were made last week. Soldiers who expect visitors to stay overnight can do them a favor by securing accommodations immediately, thus avoiding last-minute confusion.

The snow, sleet and rain of last Saturday washed out a prospective pleasant evening for the soldiers at the Service Club, when 50 coeds from Lebanon Valley College were forced to cancel the trip, but the Lebanon Valley band showed up to brighten the program, and the handful of girls who were on hand were waltzed and jitterbugged like never before. The preceding evening more than 500 soldiers gave 150 beautiful Harrisburg belles a busy night in the "Welcome Home" hop arranged by the hostesses.

Brief radio programs highlighting activities of the 28th Division are aired Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 8 o'clock over Station WEEU,

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The Secretary of War has extended Christmas Greetings to the Army as follows:

To the Army:

The emergency for which our Army has been preparing is now a stern reality. In the present crisis the people of the nation look to the men of the armed forces for inspiration and a continuing example of fortitude. In the trials which we shall undoubtedly be called upon to face, the fine traditions of our military service, and the devotion to duty which I know all of you feel, assure our final victory. I send you my Christmas greetings with confidence that the respect and affection which all Americans feel for you will be enhanced during the year which lies before us.

HENRY L. STIMSON,
Secretary of War

Lt. Col. Henry A. Reninger, reads list of Honor Companies during final review in the Carolinas.

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Commanding General's Message

Much has happened since we left the Carolina Maneuver Area. The cowardly attack by the Japanese militaristic government has united the American people. The declarations of war by Germany and Italy have further united our people. Americans now appreciate their Army, they realize the need for their Army, and they are proud of their Army.

You did a magnificent job in the maneuvers, and the movement home was above criticism. For all these things you have my most grateful thanks.

We must now all prepare for our new training program which will be published soon. Preliminary to this work let us all be snappy both on and off the Post. Dress properly and neatly; salute with precision; and conduct yourselves as you did in the Carolinas. Every day I am receiving letters of commendation concerning your work and your behavior. We want to impress our own Pennsylvanians with our appearance and conduct as we did the people of Carolina.

Before this message reaches you, many will be enjoying a most deserved leave with the home folks. We regret so much that all of us cannot get home for Christmas, but, as you realize, this is impossible. From the bottom of my heart, I wish all of you a most joyous Christmas Season.

MANEUVER COMMENDATIONS

The following organizations, officers and men were commended for outstanding service during the Carolina maneuvers:

Second Battalion, 109th Infantry, Rocky River crossing.

Second Lieut. Eli Black, 109th Infantry.

Second Lt. George M. Baker, 109th Infantry.

Sgt. George Whitman, 109th Infantry.

Pvt. Adolph G. Thul, 109th Infantry.

First Lt. Duane R. Hicks, 110th Infantry.

Master Sgt. Ralph Johnson, 110th Infantry.

Sgt. Samuel F. Minnitte, 110th Infantry.

Sgt. Homer C. Bell, 110th Infantry. Company A, 111th Infantry, cross-country envelopment movement.

Antitank Co., 111th Infantry, conspicuous attention of orders during march.

Capt. Edward E. Montefusco, 111th Infantry.

Second Lieut. Victor Wisoski, 111th Infantry.

Second Lieut. Earl J. Moore, 112th Infantry.

Sgt. Wilbur L. Thompson, 112th Infantry.

Sgt. John W. Anderson, 112th Infantry.

Corp. Harold R. Marshall, 112th Infantry.

PFC Francis T. Lukes, 112th Infantry.

Capt. James L. Whitney, 107th F. A.

First Lieut. William C. Felton, 107th F. A.

Staff Sgt. John E. Holmes, 107th F. A.

Sgt. Donald R. Higby, 107th F. A.

First Lt. Perry L. Port, 103rd Q. M.

Third Bn., 111th Infantry, capture of enemy gasoline.

First Lt. Thomas B. Roelofs, 28th Div., Antitank Battalion.

Second Lieut. Richard H. Reeve, 28th Div., Antitank Bn.

Corp Ernest E. Jolly, 104th Cavalry.

Corp. Richard E. Krugger, 112th Infantry.

First Lieut. Joseph A. Patlaive, 28th Div., Antitank Bn.

Only Cemetery in the U. S. entirely covered by one tree. This tree, located near Lilesville, appeared in Ripley's cartoons.

TRAINING PROGRAM CONTINUES DESPITE FURLOUGHS

Notwithstanding the fact that half of the 28th Division troops will be at their homes during the greater part of the next three weeks, an intensified period of training will be held, which will be intended to improve the individual soldier and small unit in performing combat missions; to correct deficiencies disclosed by operations during the Corps and Army maneuvers in the Carolina area.

The training week consists of four 8-hour days (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday), and two 4-hour days (Wednesday and Saturday). Wednesday afternoons will be devoted to organized athletics, repair and improvement of housekeeping facilities.

For the first few days after they reached Indiantown Gap last week, the soldiers were given opportunity to do some housekeeping chores and in general get their equipment checked and cleaned.

In the remaining portion of the training, the following points will be stressed by unit commanders:

Individual squad and platoon training (36 hours per week), with emphasis placed on maneuver deficiencies, particularly use of ground and cover, mechanical training, and preliminary marksmanship; intensive corrective measures for improvement of uniform, set-up, carriage and general appearance of all individuals and units, to include close order drill, ceremonies and close observation of appearance and conduct in civil communities; military courtesy and discipline; care and maintenance of equipment and transportation, and road marches on foot.

There will be no Divisional schools conducted during the period. However such schools that a review of training indicates necessary, will be held under supervision of Brigade and Regimental commanders. The maximum number of personnel will participate in training. Where units are depleted by furloughs, the remaining personnel will be organized into a lesser number of platoons by company or battery.

Lectures and conferences will be held to a minimum.

All officers and enlisted men while on pass, leave, or furlough, will wear the prescribed uniform, except while in their home, or while participating in athletics.

By command of
MAJOR GENERAL MARTIN

MARCHING SOLDIERS WEAR OUT GOOD SHOE SOLES IN 10 DAYS

Marching by foot soldiers is still a necessary part of Army training. In recent maneuvers, for instance, Infantry troops on long daily marches wore out the best shoe soles available in ten days.

To keep its soldiers well shod, the War Department has bought 16,000,000 pairs of shoes since the start of the present emergency. Here's what happens to them, as analyzed by the Quartermaster Corps:

Each soldier requires during his first year a minimum of ten pairs of shoes; in use, on hand in camps and depots, and on order or in the process of being ordered.

Three pairs are issued to each soldier when he enters Army service. Though normally all shoes are half-soled and repaired twice before being discarded, two pairs are required to replace the shoes he will wear out during the first year. One pair must be on hand at the camp or enroute to the camp ready for issue in order to have a sufficient number of shoes properly to fit the man, for more than 142 sizes and widths of shoes are required. One pair per man must be on hand in distributing depots to keep the supply filled at the camps. One pair must be in process of manufacture. One to two pairs must be on order, since it takes six weeks to two months just to tan the leather before manufacturing begins.

LOST

A black wallet was lost in one of the phone booths in the 110th Infantry Canteen on December 13, 1941. The wallet contained the following items: New Jersey drivers license, Social Security Card, $4.50 in cash, and a few cards and pictures. Finder please return to Pvt. Steve Seyebe, Hq. Co., 55th Inf. Brig., Indiantown Gap, Pa.

103rd Engineers take down the flag pole at end of Carolina Maneuvers.

In the Field of SPORTS

by * * * * * *
"DAVE" ZINKOFF
SPORTS EDITOR

Yes, there is a war, but in spite of this a large-scale morale program at Indiantown Gap is being planned for personnel of the 28th Division, a letter from Division Headquarters announced this week.

An outline of the program stated, essentially, that the program would not begin in force until about January 7, when the men of the command will have been united after spending holiday furloughs at their homes.

Until that time, it is felt that motion picture shows, professional stage shows and dances at the Service Club will be sufficient to tide the Division over. However, special events will be on the calendar for the men remaining in camp on Christmas and New Year's days.

Immediately upon return of the Division to Indiantown Gap an all-day conference of unit morale officers was held, with Major James S. Williams, division morale officer, in charge. They submitted recommended programs, and a division program will be prepared and co-ordinated with those of separate units.

Then, an "inventory" will be held to decide, initially the kind of recreation the men desire, the recommended programs, a schedule of activities and the equipment and facilities available.

Major-General Edward Martin said, "it will be noted that the general policy indicates the desire to have a widespread participation in athletics and a desire to shape our recreation program to meet the desires of the men themselves, rather than one imposed upon them by higher headquarters."

Basically, this means that the men themselves will decide what they want to do for recreation during the long, cold Winter nights ahead.

The following list of activities has been submitted to officers, but where a need is felt for an activity not mentioned, the morale leaders will make plans accordingly:

Athletic: Basketball, boxing, wrestling, soccer, volley-ball, football, ice hockey, ice skating, skiing, table tennis, handball, indoor swimming, fencing, bowling, pool and billards, archery, track and cross country, and gymnastics.

Recreational: amateur shows, dramatic clubs, regimental motion pictures, mass singing and glee clubs, chess and checker clubs, bridge and pinochle clubs, art clubs (painting and drawing), photographers' clubs, debating teams, and unit newspapers.

In addition, it is proposed to develop the following: division radio program, division orchestra or band, or both; weekend trips to Army recreation centers for Division men out of state, and exhibition games by professional athletic teams.

New regimental theatres and the large sports arena now under construction will materially aid the needs of the service men.

The initial job facing morale officers at Indiantown Gap will be the furnishing of 54 out of 127 company day rooms, a project left unfinished when the 28th Division went on maneuvers.

"And what did you think of the Grand Canyon?"

"Gorges, just gorges."

—Urchin.

KITCHEN INSPECTION

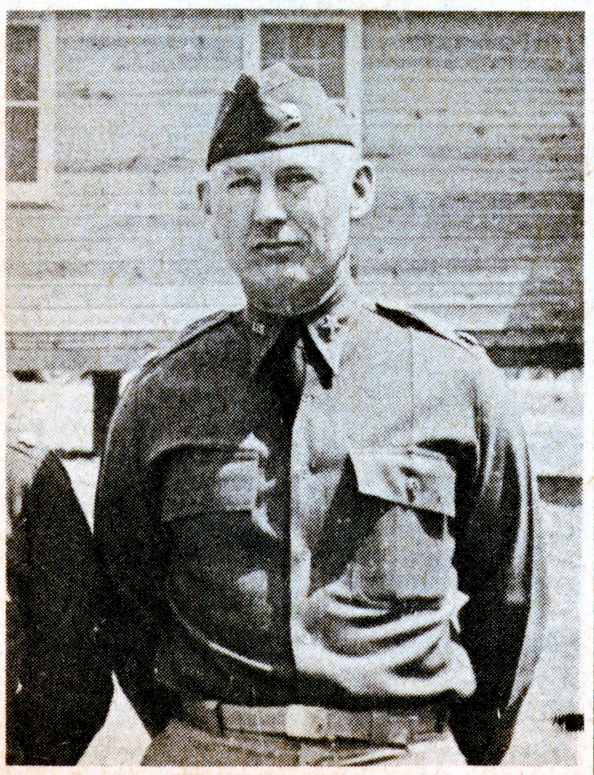
Kitchens of this Division are now undergoing inspection by the Division Medical Inspector. To date kitchens do not meet the standards as prescribed by the Division Medical Inspector, and are not in the general satisfactory condition that they were prior to maneuvers. Closer supervision by the Mess Officer is necessary. All kitchens will immediately be brought up to the standards established in this Division.

The R. O. T. C. was in camp.

"Who goes there?" called the rookie guard.

"A Sigma Nu," came back the answer.

"Corporal of the Guard. Drunken man on post number two."



Lt. Col. Leo T McMahon

Some pumpkins are green
I am green
Therefore I am some pumpkins.
—Columns.

A. P. O. DID SPLENDID WORK IN CAROLINA

Figures released by Lt.-Col. Henry A. Reninger, adjutant-general, show that the postal department, 28th Division, experienced a busy time and performed notable service under handicap during its 67 days of operation in the field in the Carolinas.

The postal employes handled an average daily distribution of 69 sacks, and an average daily shipment of seven sacks. They took in $1,988.33 in postage stamp sales, and dispatched 1,881 money orders totalling $50,648. Insured articles received numbered 9,527 while registered letters totalled 2,006.

COL. McMAHON TRANSFERRED

An announcement that brought much regret to the personnel of the 28th Division came this week when Lt.-Col. Leo T. McMahon, assistant chief of staff, G-2, was assigned to duty with II Army Corps. Details of his new position were not immediately learned.

Colonel McMahon, who resides at Camp Hill, near Harrisburg, has been the Iron Division's G-2 since induction last February, and he has performed an exceptionally fine job in that capacity. His service brought him a commendation at the memorial exercises on Tuesday.

Before induction, Colonel McMahon was Regular Army instructor for the 107th Field Artillery, and only last month received a permanent appointment as a lieutenant-colonel in the Regular Army.

Commissioned a second lieutenant in the cavalry branch on Feb. 25, 1918, Colonel McMahon quickly won promotions, and within six months was given permanent appointment as a first lieutenant. After that he was transferred to the artillery, and promoted captain on July 1, 1920.

During the next several years, in addition to filling out a variety of duty tours, he attended several schools, as follows: Field Artillery School, 1921; Chemical Warfare School, 1929; Command and Staff School, Ft. Leavenworth, Kans., 1936, and advanced course, Field Artillery School, 1938. He was appointed major on July 1, 1939, and held a temporary rank as lieutenant-colonel since early this year.

Lt.-Col. Norman P. Groff, former Regular Army instructor for the 109th Infantry, and more recently of 55th Brigade, is assigned as acting G-2.

"I don't care if your best girl DID give it to you for Christmas—TAKE IT OFF!"

COMMENDATIONS

Major General Edward Martin, at the memorial review Tuesday morning, presented citations to two officers and one enlisted man for meritorious service during the Carolina maneuvers.

Lt.-Col. Leo T. McMahon, assistant chief of staff, G-2, was cited for his creation of an unusually capable intelligence team, "skilled in the collection and interpretation of enemy information." His display of "superior energy, initiative and intelligence" in the measures used to secure information, proved of "inestimable value" not only to the Division commander, but also the commanding generals of the II Army Corps and First Army. Colonel McMahon's home is at Camp Hill, Pa.

First Lieut. Woodrow W. Hummell, Co. M., Bloomsburg, Pa., who served as liaison officer between 28th Division Headquarters and 55th Infantry Brigade during the maneuvers, was cited for his "sound tactical knowledge, his intelligent grasp of the changing situation, and his complete devotion to duty, which enabled him to accomplish his mission, despite long and arduous hours of work, in a "superior manner."

Sgt. James B. White, Battery D, 107th F. A., Williamsport, Pa., was commended for action on evening of November 26 south of Monroe, N. C. The citation reads: "Upon contact with the enemy, he rushed his gun forward and thereby preventing an enemy regimental command post from withdrawing to safety and causing the capture of an enemy regimental executive officer, regimental intelligence officer, the division field code, division field order, and the complete plan of the hostile forces."

SPECIAL FLASHLIGHTS FOR MILITARY POLICE

Red and blue flashlight batons designed to be invisible to enemy aircraft and ground troops, are being tested by the Army for night traffic control of military motor convoys.

Each torch consists of a standard flashlight to which a colored glass cylinder eight inches in length is attached. The blue light is for use under blackout conditions and the red light for normal night operations.

When they have been thoroughly tested by the Motor Transport Division of the Office of the Quartermaster General, the torches may be issued to Military Police.

Often a movie hero is one who sits through it.

"So long, I'll sue you later," said the chorus girl to the boy friend.

She's been on more laps than a napkin.—*Walter Winchell.*

Veteran Veterinarian. Capt. Allen S. Vansant, 28th Division Veterinarian inspects Turkeys for Thanksgiving Dinner at Lilesville Railhead. Capt. Vansant has been with the 28th Division for 12 years, many of which were with the 103rd Engineers. Now serving at Food Inspector, attached to Division Surgeon's Office.

55TH INFANTRY BRIGADE

109TH INFANTRY

The 109th Infantry is justly proud of the record it made in the Carolina maneuvers, with citations and commendations still coming in. The latest is for First Lieut. W. W. Hummell, Co. M, who was commended for his exceptional work as liaison officer between Division Headquarters and 55th Infantry Brigade . . . The Second Battalion was commended for its splendid crossing of the Lynches River on the final day of the maneuver, one of its most brilliant pieces of military strategy. There was plenty of happiness the day the boys reached Indiantown Gap. We saw some of them kissing the ground! . . . Everybody agrees that the one thing they'll always remember about the South is the hospitality of the people.

Congratulations to the following non-coms of Co. K upon their recent promotions: Sgt. Lawrence A. Forest, Sgt. Louis J. Hoffman, Sgt. Patsy Ricci, Corp. Basil A. Ciuccio, Corp. Joseph F. Mosso, Corp. Robert D. Orto, and Corp. Bruce R. Stabley.

This furlough business had the boys running around in circles for a few days, but finally it was settled to everybody's satisfaction. Chief sufferers were the attaches of the clerical department, whose troubles were plenty . . . Sgt. Carl Gallinot, Co. F, has been selected as a rifle instructor for the 103rd Q. M. He is one of the regiment's crack shots, having won, in previous years, the P. N. G. Individual Rifle Championship.

That's a swell job PFC Edgar Swanin did in enabling members of the 109th to have insurance increases before the deadline on Monday . . . Capt. William L. Tyrrell, who is on leave prior to departure for duty with the Air Corps, comes back often to his old haunts in the 109th and longingly looks at the Indiantown of which he was so fond.

Thanx to the officers who so thoughtfully planned to erect the Christmas tree in front of the chapel. An entertainment for the enlisted men will be held in camp on Christmas Day. The beautiful chapel was dedicated last Sunday, with services conducted by Chaplain P. E. Herb and Chaplain Carl P. Cummings. First Lieut. Howard E. Morgan was at the organ for both services. Father Cummings announced that he will celebrate a midnight mass Wednesday evening . . . Two members of each rifle company are used as instructors for the 103rd Q. M. daily, a fine tribute to the ability of the 109th Infantry.

The following "Cheer Up" message appeared in the daily bulletin of the 109th Infantry one day last week:

"It is a sure sign of greatness if you can rise cheerfully and confidently above a personal loss, misfortune, or disappointment. However dark the present day may be, there is always the prospective sunshine of the morrow. Severe trial is often the most valuable discipline. Pain itself is a beneficient warning of nature that you should change some habit. Sorrow sometimes seems to be only a grevious burden, yet many persons have emerged from it purified as if by fire."

—Grenville Kleiser.

Pvt. Williams, 109th Infantry Anti-tank takes aim.

110TH INFANTRY

With the coming of Christmas, several parties have been given by the different companies. Company A, Service Company, the medicos, and Company L had particularly exceptional parties. But Company A and Company L had the outstanding celebrations.

Captain Fred Stigman and 1st Lieutenant Richardson threw the party for Company A because of their outstanding work on the Carolina maneuvers. Sgt. William E. Vazzana and Sgt. Ed. T. Ewing ably assisted by that "Mess" Sergeant Frank J. Bova, Corporal Telleck and Max J. Blasko conducted the affair. Top Kick Robert Ferrari was one of the main reasons that the party was a success; he saw to it that everybody had a good time, and with the aid of Warrant Officer John Venettozzi's boys, they certainly did.

Company L celebrated Christmas with a Christmas supper and a program of entertainment. The master of ceremonies was the company's beloved Joe Reed, and he performed in such an innate style that he not only stole the show; he *was* the show. A swing band consisting of Rudy Rudacile, Jimmy Wolford, Charles Delozier, and Van Ventrelli rendered several specialties, and did a good job of keeping the party in tune. Major George T. Wicker, Captain William Boesman, Lt. William P. Rhoda, Lt. Milton Langsner, and Lt. Richard Graham also contributed to the program. The captain gave a package of cigarettes to each man, and also a door prize was given out. Harold E. Davis was given a scout knife and chain and cited for winning the war, in return Harold told them how he won the war. The party was unique because the noncoms did all the work. Sgt. Andrew Smith was head table waiter with a group of Sergeants assisting him. Corporal Bill Gilroy was chairman of the decoration committee. He and his squad had the dining hall looking just like home. One of the features was the mind reading of one Howard E. Lee which really had the audience gasping. Of course the party couldn't have been a success without the work of our 1st Sergeant Charley Joseph, Mess Sgt. Hank Sedeky, and the cooking of Les Cornell and Steve Buco.

Know Your Buddies: Introducing Edward "Pop" Quigley, better known as the personal driver for Lieutenant Camp R. Piper. "Pop" is tall, audacious, and tailor-made for his work, having grown up with automobiles. He handles his command car like a baby buggy with the correct contents. Pvt. Quigley is 36 years young and hails from New York City. When he isn't busy (something rare being Lt. Piper's aide) Quigley can be found down in Headquarters Co. telling the boys "all about it."

Sgt: "Johnny, if you eat any more pie you'll burst."

Johnny: "Well, pass the pie and get out of the way."

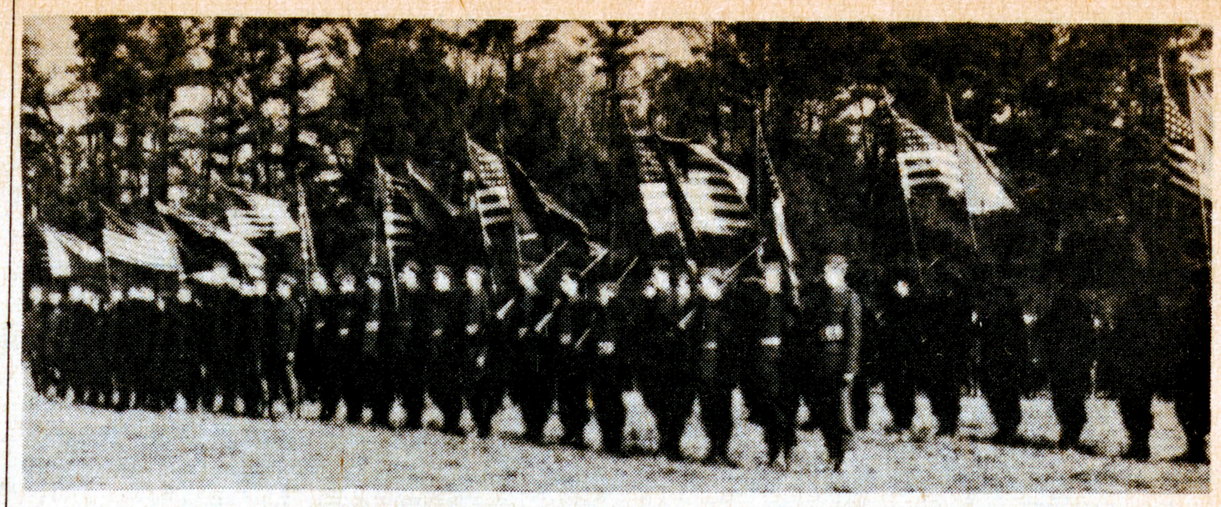
—Exchange.

TO SERVICE SCHOOLS

To Engineer School, Refresher Course, Ft. Belvoir, Va.: First Lieut. Forrest L. Bocock, 103rd Engineers; Second Lieut. James D. Richards, 103rd Engineers; Second Lieut. Fred S. Labovitz, 103rd Engineers.

To Field Artillery School, Ft. Sill, Okla., for three months: Sergeant Angelo J. Cartelli, Battery F, 108th Field Artillery; Private William L. Norris, Hq. Btry., 1st Bn., 108 F. A.; Private Peter Beavers, Hq. Btry., 107th F. A.; PFC Joseph C. Gallagher, Battery A, 108th F. A.; Private Thomas Skillen, Battery A, 107th F. A.; Private George Dymond, Battery E, 109th F. A.

To the Infantry School, Ft. Benning, Ga., Motor Mechanics Course, for 3 months: Corp. James P. McKeown, Co. M., 111th Infantry; PFC Glen F. Keene, Co. M, 109th Infantry; PFC Richard M. Chittester, Co. M, 112th Infantry; PFC Earl M. Bates, Antitank Co., 110th Infantry.



Massing of Colors, final review at Lilesville.

SPECIAL TROOPS

From what they tell us, Sgt. Hess and his "Hornets" took quite a decisive part in an important battle of the Blue Army. Together with Cpl. Gold and a squad of men, they held off a group of tanks that suddenly had theatened the 55th Brigade C.P. The M.P.'s saw action as never before, but they came back victorious.

While the boys can't forget their experiences of the past, neither can they forget that gruelling, hard-fought game between the 28th Signal Company and members of the 103rd Ordnance Company some time ago, won by the Signal Co., 6-0.

With regret, the boys bid farewell to a regular guy, Lt. Horney, who has left us for other duties. Loads of luck, Lieutenant!

Honors, we believe, go to Sergeant Hickey for being the first enlisted man to be discharged from the Signal Company. Sergeant Hickey was released due to dependency, and will be transferred to the National Guard in Pittsburgh. Don't forget to come and see us, Sergeant!

A great mystery was cleared up recently when Sergeant Banks finally showed up after he was found among the missing when we moved to our new C.P. Seems that Sergeant Banks was forgotten during the mad scramble, and while waiting long hours in the cold for someone to come back and get him, he acquired a nasty cold. Glad you're better, Sarge!

Still a big secret, believe it or not, as to what birthday PFC Ripple was celebrating on the Armistice! Anyhow, greetings, old man!

The Signal Company is really going to make headlines now, what with our new rifles and dummy "Tommy" guns. Look out for our boys from now on!

We'd like to take this opportunity to present orchids to as fine a bunch of cooks as any one would like to have in any one outfit, and the finest mess sergeant, Sgt. Papapetron, or "Pappy," as everybody calls him. The men never need worry about having a good mess at any time, whether out on the field or at base camp. Pappy, before induction, was a chief chef at one of Pittsburgh's large department stores. To the rest of his crew, Pvts. Parulis, Ricker, Stabinsky, Radley, Weber, Wensel, Farvell and Conn (who incidentally is brother to Billy Conn, famous boxer), the company sends its best!

. . . - - (Finis)

The Motor Mechanics School, Ft. Benning, Ga.:

PFC Jesse C. Brown Jr., Antitank Co., 109th Inf.

PFC John Kuhar, Service Co., 109th Inf.

Pvt. John D. DeSantis, Service Co., 110th Inf.

PFC Bernard A. Good, Hq. Co., 110th Inf.

PFC August J. Baust Jr., Hq. Co., 111th Inf.

PFC John L. Riddel Jr., Co. D, 111th Inf.

Corp. William H. York, Antitank Co., 112th Inf.

Corp. William D. Poole, Co. D, 112th Inf.

Assignments

Second Lieut. George B. Ward, (108th F. A.) from S. D. Adjutant General's Office as Division Classification Officer, to Headquarters, 28th Division, as Division Classification Officer.

First Lieut. Leonard E. Shultz, DC Reserve, to 103rd Medical Regiment.

NEW PROMOTION POLICIES ANNOUNCED

The War Department announced last Saturday a promotion policy which combines permanent and temporary promotion of Reserve officers with temporary promotion of Regular Army officers to remove inequalities between these two components of the Army. Under the announced plan, temporary promotion by selection is extended to all grades.

Certain second lieutenants, both Regular Army and Reserve Corps, will be promoted to the temporary grade of first lieutenant, and some first lieutenants of both components will be promoted to the temporary grade of captain. Promotion by selection of Regular Army captains to the temporary grade of major is also provided for.

In those cases where the promotion of Regular Army lieutenants has exceeded the normal peacetime rate for Reserve officers, the Reserve officers are given additional promotion, under the new plan, to keep them abreast of their Regular Army colleagues.

Last June the War Department instituted a procedure of temporary promotion by selection to the grade of colonel for Regular Army officers. This departure from the rule of seniority is giving the Army more vigorous leadership. Under the new policy exactly the same type of promotion by selection is prescribed for the advancement of Regular Army majors to the temporary grade of lieutenant colonel.

Normal peacetime promotion for officers of the Regular Army will continue in accordance with the law, as well as permanent promotion for Reserve officers on active duty to the grades of first lieutenant, captain and major.

Reserve officer advancement has been predicated on the theory that a Re-

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Pfc. Lanny Kaiser, H. Q. Co., Special Troops holds the cash register. Later, packed it aboard truck for convoy home.

56TH INFANTRY BRIGADE

111TH INFANTRY

"Christmas Greetings" is the obvious opening for this column, and yet it seems as though summer has hardly had time to turn into a hasty fall. After all to jump from a summer's hike, where everyone was having trouble with the heat, to Indiantown's wintry cool within the short space of a very few weeks is not the normal climatic change to which we have become accustomed. Consequently, it has been difficult to bring ourselves around to the true Christmas spirit. Also we suddenly find ourselves in a state of war, of which few of us dreamed even in our worst nightmares. And now, when the world seems to be in its very worst turmoil we find, surprising as it may be, that the 111th has suddenly found a new spirit, a new morale which faces and voices reflect in a hitherto unsuspected depth of feeling and comradeship. We find the happiness, then the disappointment, followed by the deep sense of patriotic satisfaction of the "almost to be released" over-twenty-eights not only to be a deep character study but a proof of the true spirit of the depth of feeling and attachment that we have acquired toward each other, and the units we stand for—ranging from company to country.

When told we were on the alert, and that furloughs, leaves, and passes were nigh on to "verboten," we only wish that the parents could have felt or understood their sons' attitude. Last week-end brought a flood of parents and girl friends which surpassed all records, and we only hope they caught and took back with them a bit of the happiness and American spirit with which the 111th is overflowing—in contrast to the equally war minded, but far too hysterical and gloomy public.

We voice a word of thanks from the boys and their guests to our commanding officer, Colonel Haller for the fine show he produced last Sunday. With "Sgt. Murph" as M.C. several new bits of talent made their debut: among were B Co's Tappin'-Fool, appropriately nicknamed "Tapioca," and the "Medical Microbes," a quartet made up of Medicos—Barbera, Benglian, Christman, and Lewandowski. They call themselves by this title because it is said that "they can never be found when they're wanted" either. So much was jazz band leader Vic Hugo's father impressed by the whole show that he promised to return this week-end with a regular professional floor show from the Little Rathskeller in Philadelphia, where he is the band leader. Incidently the boys seemed to get quite a kick out of the scenery, which lent the atmosphere of a tavern. Real Coca-cola was found on the stage for the performers and one and all they appreciated this thirst quenching reward for their donation of talents.

Maneuvers seem to have brought out a great interest in singing, and we are told that a certain Q.M. truck was the home of a regular rolling glee club. The wire section of the 1st Bn composed of several boys from Hq. Co. led the singing, and they were enthusiastically joined by Hq. Det. members. The boys are all kidding Corp. George Massa about joining the army—he is the latest of us to receive his draft papers.

M Co. brags of a new barber and they have good reason. Pvt. George Dunsten's sister arrived for a visit last Friday and proceeded to give quite a few of the boys haircuts for the next days inspection. She promised to return this week for more—looks as though she has a steady job.

PFC William Humlhanz of 1st Bn Hq has made quite a reputation for himself as a pre-inspection emergency barber. Bill says he got his practice on a St. Bernard dog back home.

Lieut. Walter Kutz will be married next Saturday to Miss Mary Grosek, of Plains, Pa. Lieut. Kutz is from Glen Lyon, Pa., and the ceremony will take place in St. Peters and Pauls church in Plains. The Lieut. is hoping to have Father Horn sing *Ave Maria* at the wedding.

Pvt. Bill Warg of D Co. certainly shouldn't be cold when he sleeps—he chooses the top of the furnace for his snoozes.

D Co's Pvts. "Fatboy" Williamson and Vic Roystuart celebrated their "coming-out" last Tuesday . . . Pvt. Carl Barg boasts a typical "gay 90" bartender mustache with long curling ends . . . PFC Frank Kinee, a K Co driver can tell you all about how to make pretzels since he visited a pretzel factory recently on a detail . . . "Snafu" seems to have become the mystic password of a good many of the men since the beginning of double talk in the Carolina maneuvers . . . If anyone found a Chester High '37 class ring in Carolina, please return to PFC Al Stiscia of K Co. . . . Medico PFC Tony Ficca has written a new song which is fast becoming popular about the regiment. (Tony writes under the name of Tony Merrick in civilian life). The tune is very catchy and we print here the words—rather appropos at the time:

"Get in the Game"

You better get in the game
And act the same as the rest of us
You better get in the game
And just get wise to yourself
Take a look at the score
To see what's new, and who's playing with you.
And as I told you before
I won't tell you no more
You're never around
When there's a detail to be done
But if chow call should sound
You'd be there on the run
You'd better get in the game
And get hold of yourself before it's too late
Tho I'll not mention your name, just the same
If you're wise, you'll get in the game with us guys.

NEW PROMOTION POLICIES ANNOUNCED

(Continued from page 4)

serve officer is promoted in peacetime in accordance with the prospective requirements of the Army during an emergency. Thus, a Reserve officer receives his mobilization grade in peacetime. It is for this reason that Reserve officers have been more rapidly promoted than Regular officers. One of the purposes of the policy just announced by the War Department is to adjust this inequality.

The selection of Regular Army lieutenant colonels for promotion to the grade of colonel, initiated in June, was the first step in this direction. So far only a small percentage of the men to be advanced have been selected. It is the desire of the War Department to spread these promotions over a rather long period of time in order that the greatest care may be exercised in selection and a greater opportunity afforded to observe the manner in which these officers perform their duties under the pressure of the existing emergency. The same considerations will apply to the selection of Regular Army majors for promotion to the temporary grade of lieutenant colonel.

Page Dr. Watson

The famous detective arrived on the scene.

"Heavens," he said, "this is more serious than I thought—the window is broken on both sides."

The Changing World

We kids used to play soldier with wooden guns. Now soldiers in Tennessee use wooden guns imitating us kids.

Once Is Enough

"Sorry, old man, but I'm looking for a little financial succor again."

"You'll have to hunt further as I'm not the little financial sucker I used to be."

He: "Why is it that the most important men in the Army always get the prettiest girls?"

She: "You conceited thing."

—Pell Mell.

103D QUARTERMASTER

MANEUVER MINDED—

The Maneuvers are over, but these memories will cling to our minds for some time to come:

First of all, our arrival in the South, and the insufferable heat on that occasion . . . and the awesome expressions of the natives at the sight of so many soldiers . . . the practicability of a mobile, military office, complete even down to inkwells in the field desks . . . initial nocturnal ride under blackout conditions . . . and how our huge trucks so sharply resembled elephantine shadows as they crept furtively into the woods . . . learning to eat regularly from mess-kits . . . sleeping out nights and not being too apprehensive of attacks by snakes . . . that beautiful sylvan retreat near McBee, S. C. and those picturesque sunrises we viewed from the banks of a nearby lake . . . thinking we could never go a couple of days without baths, yet sometimes being compelled to go for as long as eight or ten days in succession without one . . . interesting expressions on buddies' phizes at first sight of cotton-growing . . . consistency of camera "bugs" in quest of memory "shots", though it cost them a pretty penny for films and subsequent developments . . . amazement watching dentist actually fill teeth in the field . . . and the aggressiveness of the new officer who serves our Regiment in that capacity . . . the hasty, efficient preparation of meals while en route to a new concentration site . . . reflecting incredulously upon the small number of major accidents and the proportionately great number of trips . . . wondering how any boy can conscientiously aver, "I got nothing out of the maneuvers!" . . . the shock at sudden awakening seemingly just after retiring at night, and an abrupt announcement that followed calling for Regimental movement to new bivouac! . . . the bull-moose like call to mess in the later weeks of the maneuvers after one, Adam Cymerak, was shifted from Gas Platoon to Headquarters Company kitchen . . . how we all clamored for Pennsylvania newspapers . . . the surprisingly great interest shown in "Harlem Tennis," or rolling de bones . . . the relatively good deportment of "our men" on recreational convoys to nearby communities . . . the gentle and magnetic touch of kindly feminine hands in those towns and the resultant changes made in the attitudes of our toughest hombres, making them docile as lambs . . . too, the near-unbelievable degree of hospitality accorded our Division "everywhere" . . . how thankful we were for having brought our woolen undies—the "G.I." variety! . . . keeping our fingers crossed in hopes our girl friend back home wouldn't forsake us . . . how quickly boys acquired significant nicknames, like "Mirage," "Four-star" so-and-so, etc. . . . the rush for holly and mistletoe in the waning days of the field exercises . . . arguments with the chronic beefers and their asinine forensics . . . the conspicuous absence of rainy weather . . . which didn't make us unhappy—to be sure! . . . the incessant hunt for arrowheads . . . happy thoughts about how nice Army life can be without bugles . . . or formations . . . annoyance at hearing buddies tell about how they're gaining weight, but their neglect to state a reason for their obesity . . . (confidentially most of 'em do little or nothing) . . . how slowly time passed on occasions and we were wont to remark it seemed like we'd been "in" five years already instead of just eight or nine months . . . desire to form lynching parties for avaricious merchants evidently bent on cheating soldiers . . . 85 cents for single haircut in one South Carolina town, phooey—stink-daisies to those barbers . . . the resourcefulness and genuineness observed in the efforts of attendants at some of the USO centers . . . the myriad ramshackle dwellings in the rural sections of the Carolina's . . . the celebrations that followed announcement of "Armistice" of GHQ Maneuvers . . . the persistent inquisitiveness of those eligible for discharge under over-age clause Selective Service Act, wanting to know, "When?" . . . the few ayems (we're grateful they were in the minority) we woke to find thin coatings of frost on our blankets . . . the alacrity and dispatch the "cyclist messengers show in performance of their duties . . . suggestion credited to a Private to rewrite line in ditty, "$30 a Day, Once a Month," to "$30 a Minute—Once a Month," contending it takes one minute per man to be paid . . . The song, "The Draft Board is Breaking Up That Old Gang of Mine," co-authored by several enlisted men, Co. A. . . . Consistently heavy flow of "latrine-o-grams," on assorted subjects.

Lt. Col. Harlo W. Higby, C.O. 2nd Bn., 107th F.A. gets a haircut. Pvt. Louis Quinio, Jr. does a neat job. In private life Quinio conducts a fashionable Beauty Salon in Sewickley, Pa. and has won many contests.

103D OBSERVATION

The sudden attack against our island possessions has aroused a great deal of resentment from everyone, especially among the newer officers whose classmates at flying school were assigned to air bases in the Pacific. The declaration of war has not caught the outfit off balance, and all officers and men are grimly ready for whatever may be their lot. All proper precautions have been taken against air attack and the field has quickly taken on an air of instant readiness for action. The war has become, as many felt, an air war. That fact gives the Squadron a tingle of calm resolve that any engagements participated in will result in victory for us. In our minds are those comrades who were shot down in the first air engagement of the war. *They will be avenged!*

In the pre-mobilization days when the Squadron was known as the "28th Division Aviation", the lack of battle-streamers on our guidon proclaimed to the older regiments our youth and lack of service under fire. The flags of other units, such as the 213th Coast Artillery, the 107th Field Artillery, the 111th Infantry, and many others, were always regarded with utmost respect because they had carried the honor and strength of our country against the enemy. At this moment the Squadron is awaiting orders from the Air Force. Given those orders, we will do our job to the utmost of our ability, returning with our victorious battle streamers and take our place beside Pennsylvania's great regiments.

And so we face the war. Like all others who have not known the trials of combat, we face it with mingled feelings. But we shall fight the war to victory, knowing that our cause is right and that we will have the prayers and strength of our fellow Guardsmen with us all the way.

TRANSFERS AND ASSIGNMENTS

Second Lieut. Horace L. Keebler, CE, 103rd Engineers, to 28th Military Police Company.

Major Roy W. Corson, Infantry Reserve, to the 109th Infantry.

Private Richard O. Milbrand, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, to 103rd Quartermaster.

Private Mellinger L. Calihan, Medical Detachment, 112th Infantry, to the Detachment Medical Department, Fort Hayes, Ohio.

53RD FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE

107TH FIELD ART.

Three new officers and 29 Selectees joined our ranks November 23, 2nd Lts. William D. Pettit, Alfred W. Kettler and Edward S. Abdo are recent graduates of the Field Artillery School at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. The Selectees are from the F.A.R.C. at Ft. Bragg, N. C.

Corp. John Brassel, who but recently acquired his stripes has been spending a lot of time around the Hq. Btry. kitchen. Dame Rumor has it that this the price one pays for allowing a section to inveigle even a non-com from the beaten path of the Blues. Although the wire section of Hq. Btry. is basking in the limelight of praise, they are only too willing to relinquish their space to the Drivers Section for a speedy and safe return. Motor Sergeant Walter Stevick has lessened the rigors of campaign by his "accomodations". The Battery B. mascot lackout is giving some concern to everyone due to his large appetite.

1st Bn. Hq. Message Center has developed a penchant for Hill Billy songs under the leadership of Marion Trivet from the mountains of Tennessee.

The intrepid 1st Bn. Agent Murray Johnson has grown tired of being hauled around in a Command Car and is eager to have his "bike" returned from Ft. Bragg Repair Shop. Blackout dashes at 3:00 A.M. are up his alley. "Albitriches" is a new variety of the old snipe hunt developed by A. Btry. As Corp. Cohen says "Imagine an old woodsman like me falling for a trick like that." Pvt. Edward Hansel has been acclaimed(?) the hole hitting champion of A Btry. Drivers. Mess Sergeant John Schaffner is convalescing at Ft. Bragg from injuries sustained from a fall in the Kitchen truck.

As a result of the southern maneuvers we have the following states of mind: rifle happy, map happy, clutch crazy and an new society known as "Bivouac Swells."

B Btry. cites as a sterling example of Motor Maintenance to the nth degree Pvt. Arthur "Grease Gun" Helso, who was seen lubricating his vehicle at 2:00 A.M.

1st S & A reports that Pvt. Bernie McCaskey has only 1 more payment to make on a horse he killed while serving in the P.N.G. 10 years ago. Sgt. Robert Souder has announced his marriage to Miss Virginia Keind at Alexandria, Va. Corp. Sneed, 2nd Hq. has made several holly wreaths for the Christmas season. There's a man with foresight.

MAILMEN BUSY IN ARMY CAMPS

Mailmen in Army camps, like mailmen everywhere else in the United States, are handling millions of Christmas greetings this week.

Soldiers are encouraged to exchange Christmas messages with their families and friends at home. Last year, the Army mailman had only 600,000 soldiers who might be sending and receiving cards, letters and packages. This Christmas he has about a million more soldiers to keep track of.

"Would you scream if I kissed you?"
"How could I if you did it properly?"

108TH FIELD ART.

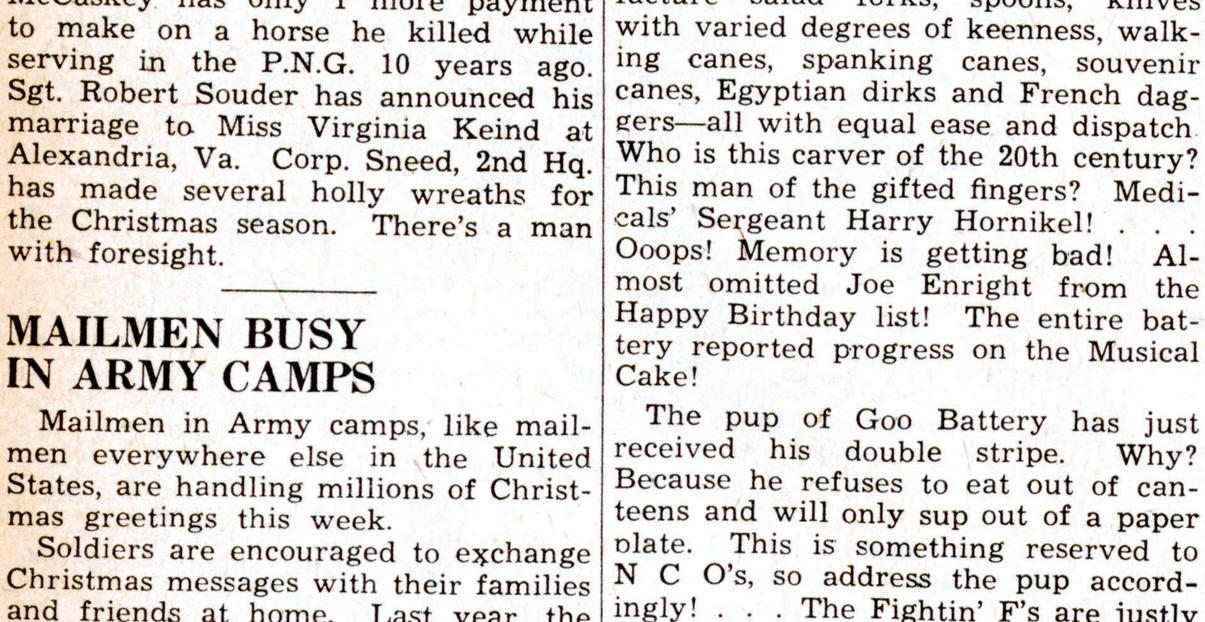
Gentlemen, at long last we are home. It has been estimated, by the numbers, that the men of the 108th Field Artillery ate 23% of the Carolina real-estate during our southern sojourn, and it is fervently hoped that the good citizens will not submit a bill! . . . Frankly, and this statement is in the personal handwriting of more than the 1000 members who make up this Regiment, we received the grandest treatment from all the good people that we came into close contact. Columns and columns have been typed on the typical southern hospitality extended by the southerners. They made the treatment a reality! . . . Not by the farthest stretch did any of us expect the fine "all-out" treatment extended by the citizens of the South. They cooperated in grand style, and the exemplary behavior of the men of the Iron Division will long be remembered. . . . It would fill the combined columns of the PENNSYLVANIA GUARDSMAN to single out the judiciary or legislative or "Average Citizen" for specific honors, but the people of the South are hereby informed that we of the 28th (generally) and the 108th F.A. (specifically) offer a part of our collective heart in return for the generous Southern Hospitality!

This pillar offers it's most polished salute to Sergeant Gordon Tunstall of the Goos who will soon make goo-goos with Betty Roth R.N. On the 20th of this month this duo will become uno!

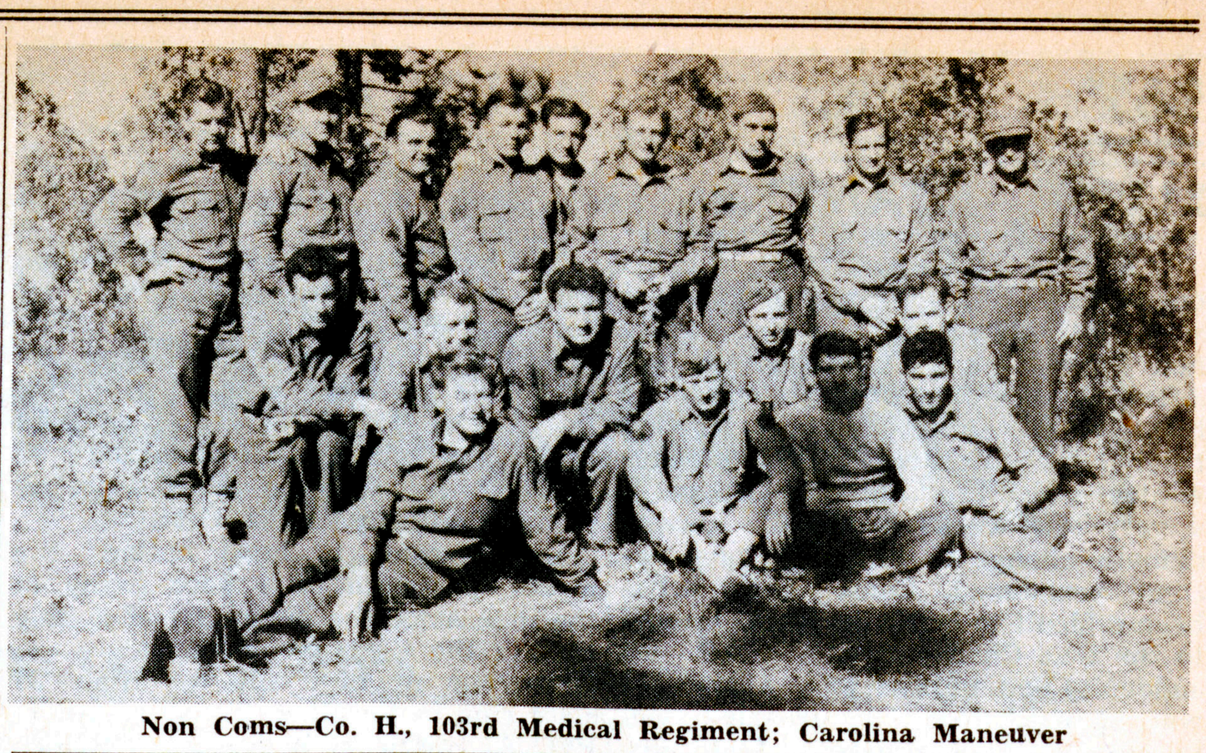
We almost forgot to include the Happy Birthday of Vernon "Cake-eater" Lowe of the Fightin' F's! . . . Marty Davis of the Regimentals now has a chauffeur of his own! His hands are entirely too delicate to handle the wheel personally and besides, he must hold on to the messages! . . . Gentlemen, were you aware of the fact that we have in our midst a man of deft fingers who makes Gepetto look like a rank amateur. Gepetto, if you will recall your juvenile days, was the fashioner of Pinnocchio, the puppet who came to life. Well, we have a man who can make lifeless pieces of grained red cedar speak with eloquence. His magic fingers can manufacture salad forks, spoons, knives with varied degrees of keenness, walking canes, spanking canes, souvenir canes, Egyptian dirks and French daggers—all with equal ease and dispatch. Who is this carver of the 20th century? This man of the gifted fingers? Medicals' Sergeant Harry Hornikel! . . . Ooops! Memory is getting bad! Almost omitted Joe Enright from the Happy Birthday list! The entire battery reported progress on the Musical Cake!

The pup of Goo Battery has just received his double stripe. Why? Because he refuses to eat out of canteens and will only sup out of a paper plate. This is something reserved to N C O's, so address the pup accordingly! . . . The Fightin' F's are justly proud of their supply sergeant. He is an ambidextrous chap. Can dish out a clean shirt, winter underdrawers, leggin laces or fix a balky car with equal ease. During the mail deliveries out to the field, the G. M. C. developed bronchitis of the exhaust—Henry Wallace (not the vice pres.) came to the rescue and in a flash the vehicle was running again . . . So when you mention the name of this man say it with reverence and awe—as befits an individual who possesses many and varied talents and who does not hesitate to help others in need! ! ! . . . Also an adept driver. During the last maneuver he took Old Betsy over Route 109 and thru two simulated bridges at 45% angles without a whimper from the car! And every day the mail came thru. So the thanks should go to the inexhaustible driving capacities of Messrs. Robbins, Regan and Wallace!

The 108th is fortunate in adding a host of grand soldiers that have just been "imported" from Fort Bragg. They claim homes in various parts of the U. S. A. and are co-operative in every way. The 108th welcomes one and all and is confident that benefits will be of a mutual nature!



108th Field Artillery used Municipal Stadium in Philadelphia as their Headquarters while visiting that city early in week.



Non Coms—Co. H., 103rd Medical Regiment; Carolina Maneuver

104TH CAVALRY

Col. A. H. Stackpole, commander of the 104th Cavalry, again heaped praise on the regiment Monday evening at exercises marking the opening of the Christmas season.

Col. Stackpole asserted that he was proud of the boys from the 104th and that he had watched them go into the Carolina maneuvers as recruits and come out as seasoned veterans prepared "for anything."

The evening's exercises were twofold. The large Christmas tree which was decorated during the past few days was lighted, while the officers' club house, recently constructed, was officially opened.

As the officers congregated in the Club House prior to the lighting of the tree, Col. Stackpole offered a toast to the President of the United States and also to the regiment. In turn the officers toasted the colonel. Brigadier General E. J. Stackpole of the 28th Division was in attendance and paid tribute to the 104th Cavalry.

Appropriate exercises marked the lighting of the tree which was decorated through the efforts of S. W. Bair and the Harrisburg Moose.

The program:

Introduction, Dick Redmond, of WHP; "104th Cavalry March," by the Regimental Band; Purpose of program, Dick Redmond; "Joy to the World," trombone quartet composed of Sgt. Shoop, Pvt. Wilbur Martin, Pvt. Breneman and Pvt. Sumers; Christmas Message by Col. Stackpole; Selection by Sax Quartet composed of Sgt. Diehl. Pvt. Stoner, Pvt. Hafer and Pvt. Hand; "O, Come All Ye Faithful," by 104th Band; Chaplain Swoope delivered a stirring address on "The Light That Must Not Fail"; National Anthem; 104th Cavalry March.

As the last week-end before Christmas approaches officers of the 104th Cavalry prepared to send about fifty per cent of the regiment home for the holiday. The first group, about twenty-five per cent, left last week-end for a seven day furlough but it is believed that they will receive ten days as authorized since they left.

Present plans call for the third group to leave between December 27 and 30. With this setup it means that each boy will have at least one of the two holidays at home.

Join Outfit

Five privates who recently completed their thirteen weeks of basic training at the Mechanized Training Centre, Fort Riley, Kansas, joined the 104th Cavalry the other day. They are: Frank Sroka, Richard J. Horst, Charles Williams, Ed. O'Leary and Raymond Blineor.

Here and There

Recent promotions included: PFC John Eshbaugh and PFC Clair Sharer of B Troop to Corporals; Corp. Harry K. Hopkins of E Troop to Sgt.; Privates First Class Joseph Burke, John Graham and George Ryder of E Troop to Corporals . . . Privates Richard Sheble and Richard Dale of Troop A were given honorable discharges to enlist as aviation cadets . . . Practically all the troops of the regiment are being drilled on Interior Guard Duty . . . Memorial Services were held on Muir Field, Tuesday morning for the soldiers who were killed during the First Army maneuvers in the Carolinas. The 104th lost Pvt. Joseph L. Phillips of Troop A who was fatally injured in a trailer accident . . . Now that the maneuvers are over and the officers and men are discussing what really took place much credit is given Sgt. Walter Kean of the First Squadron who performed a very commendable act. One evening during a rain storm when radio communication had failed Sgt. Kean started off on a twenty-eight mile ride on his horse to deliver valuable information to headquarters. He covered the return trip in twelve hours but did more than was expected of him—he collected information about the enemy enroute which enabled the Blue forces to capture a number of tanks and scout cars before they started off on their morning missions . . . Chaplain William Swoope is completing plans for the dedication of the new chapel Sunday afternoon. It is hoped to have a representation of all three faiths for the services . . . Pvt. John W. Auger stationed at the Tuscon, Arizona, air base has been transferred to the 104th Cavalry . . . Pfc Claude S. Warble of F Troop left for Baltimore, Md., to attend a motorcycle school . . . Pfc Lee J. Strock of Service School is attending the Welding and Blacksmith School at Baltimore, Md. . . . Pfc Robert Woodling of Service Troop is attending the Diesel Motor School at Baltimore . . . Lieut. Edward Stewart has been transferred to the 1336 Service Unit at Camp Lee, Va. Lieut. John B. Lukens, of Troop D has been transferred to the 121st Engineers of the 29th Division . . . Capt. Jesse L. Waite has been assigned to Headquarters Air Corps, Washington, D. C.

The burglar, finding the lady in the bath, covered her with his revolver.

TANK PRODUCTION SHOWS INCREASE

Production of tanks showed a substantial increase in September, the War Department announced today.

Medium tank production nearly doubled during September as compared with August, while light tank output also showed a good gain. The production of light tanks has been increasing steadily from month to month since the start of the present program. Schedules call for additional sharp increases in production of both types in coming months.

American tanks are believed to be superior to any comparable foreign tanks in mobility, maneuverability and fire-power.

103D MEDICAL

Greetings from the 103rd Medical Regiment! It's been a long time but here we are together again, and here we are to stay.

This being a grand re-opening calls for a dedication, so with the maneuvers fresh in our memory, we fire a salute to all the drivers of the 125 vehicles of the regiment who took us over thousands of miles of rough roads, cross-country, through woods and by blackout without a single accident to any vehicle or man.

The "grandeloquent" Homecoming Dance at the Service Club found the Medicos well represented. Company H added to intermission entertainment with the singing trio of Privates Len Kenoski, Wes Simpson, and Sgt. Ed. Mamrack.

As if being home again and holiday furloughs being granted liberally, weren't enough, welcome news has come from the Band barracks. The regiment is going to have an orchestra, and it promises to be quite an outfit. Rehearsals will be somewhat curtailed during the holiday season, but a grand debut is expected early in January.

Along with this innovation, the band is expanding, and soon, the strains of the reveille march, "Pennsylvania", will fairly rock the men out of their bunks!

First party news comes from Company C. Last Thursday, the non-commissioned officers of the unit enjoyed themselves, as non-coms have a way of doing, at a dinner party in Annville. Social events such as this do much to cement friendships and bring out the spirit of comradeship.

From Company C, we learn that 1st Lt. Paul H. Rankin has been named Commanding Officer, replacing Capt. Harry Douds, now Division Sanitary Inspector. The best of luck to Lt. Rankin in his new assignment.

In company H barracks, the old "Denver" boys are still hashing over Colorado with the two most recent graduates of the Technicians' Course at Fitzsimmons General Hospital, Pvt. 1cl. James Zacour and Pvt. Harold Head.

Corporal Jack Rodd is the proud possessor of a letter of appreciation from Brig. Gen. A. W. W. Woodcock, CO of the 58th Infantry Brigade, received for aiding the General when his car stopped near Rockingham. According to the letter, Rodd and two companions towed the car a distance of some fifteen miles.

In connection with efficiency of the drivers of the regiment, reports show that the maintenance cost of all the vehicles during the three months of maneuvers amounted to $324.85.

And of maneuvers—Col. Hendricks' own words—"There were no extremely outstanding officers or men, that is, ones who performed any outstanding or any meritorious work beyond the normal function, but rather every enlisted man and officer did his duty, unhesitatingly and energetically."

It seems only appropriate to leave a parting thought suitable to the mood of the season, which came to us from Company C, and beyond that, anonymous as far as we know:

LIFE'S MIRROR

There are royal hearts, there are spirits brave,
There are souls both pure and true.
Then give to the world the best you have
And the best will come back to you.
Give love, and the love to your life will show
A strength in your utmost need.
Have faith, and a score of hearts will show
Their faith in your work and deed.
Give truth, and your gift will be paid in kind,
And honor will honor meet,
And the smile which is sweet will surely find
A smile that is just as sweet.
For life is the mirror of king and slave,
'Tis just what we are and do.
Then give to the world the best you have
And the best will come back to you.

Col. Charles H. Hendricks

COL. HENDRICKS EXTENDS SEASONS GREETINGS

Col. C. H. Hendricks makes the following statement in conjunction with the Christmas Season. "Best wishes to all officers and men of the Regiment. I'm proud of your excellent record, and your furlough period is justly deserved. May you return to camp in a happy state of mind, ready to face the tremendous task which lies before us."

On August 5, shortly before the Virginia maneuvers, War Department announced the promotion of Lt. Col. Charles S. Hendricks to a full colonel in the Medical Corps, replacing Col. Charles P. Stahr, who had retired in April, as Commanding Officer of the 103rd Medical Regiment.

Col. Hendricks entered the military service on February 20, 1913, as a private in the 111th Infantry and three years later had advanced to the grade of sergeant. A degree in medicine, obtained at the University of Pittsburgh in 1915, enabled him to receive his commission as a First Lieutenant in the Medical Corps on June 28, 1916.

Thereafter he was promoted to Captain on October 21, 1917; to Major, March 21, 1923, and to Lieuteant Colonel, July 24, 1935.

Col. Hendricks served in the Mexican Border campaign and overseas in the World War with the 103rd Sanitary Train as the 103rd Medical was then called.

He was born in Bolivar, Penna., July 17, 1890, but his present home address is Altoona. His schooling, in addition to civilian education, includes attendance at the National Guard Field Officers' Service School, 1932 course.

We salute Col. Hendricks and acknowledge the excellent work of the 103rd Medical Regiment.

166TH FIELD ART.

CAMP SHELBY, MISS.

Ten selectees from Fort Bragg, North Carolina, were added to the strength of the regiment, Saturday morning. The men who have already completed their basic training, represent many states including Wyoming, Missouri, Kansas, Illinois, North Carolina and South Carolina.

Lieutenant Hershell D. Darrell returned from his furlough, Thursday morning. He visited his home town, Uniontown, Pennsylvania and Washington, D. C. while he was away.

The anti-tank units of the regiment which participated in the Carolina maneuvers, returned and received a big welcome from the officers and men. Captain Clarence D. Bell, Lieutenants David Woodward, Howard Emhardt, and John Maida all expressed their appreciation at being back in Shelby but said they wouldn't like to have missed the Carolina "wars".

Privates Warren Hibbs, and Andy Parker, both of 1st Battalion Headquarters shared the last of their "C" rations with Private Patrick P. Carano, of 2nd Battalion Headquarters, immediately upon arrival in camp from the Carolinas. The convoy had spent the previous night in Selma, Alabama.

Private James L. Mayer of D Battery was the first to apply for the Mississippi Southern College courses when he sent a letter and check to Chaplain W. E. McCrory from his home at St. Davids, Pa., where he spent his furlough.

Lester Nelson, of A Battery and a candidate for the regimental football team is a cousin of Jimmy Nelson, current Alabama choice for all American honors.

The prestige of latrineograms was heightened this week when the Camera Club secured the use of an unused latrine in the Infirmary area for a dark room. Plans are underway for its transformation with Pvt. Williams of 2nd Bn. Hqs. in charge.

The variety show this week honoring Colonel Whipple featured Wickstead, the magician and Luigi Cologgi concert baritone. Pvt. Jacobs with his glass eating act was guest artist with Bucky Matolli doing the M. C. duties.

The 166th F. A. dance band is rereiving numerous engagements as Sid Walters, ace trumpet player, is considered one of the hottest "senders" in these parts.

Sgt. John E. Bird of 1st Bn. Hq., who was drafted in May, has left for Fort Sill Officers School. He bid goodbye to his friend Pvt. John Nacous also of Bradford, Pa., who was discharged on the same day.

The 166th F. A. basketball team is now scheduling games. Apply to Dallas Mackay at the Chaplain's Office.

Men of Battery C, scattered to eleven Pennsylvania cities to enjoy their furloughs, while 1st Sgt. William Spengler accepted a discharge after sixteen years of military service.

Saul Wallach and Ralph Craley of 1st Bn. Service cheered on their alma maters, but from different sides of the field when Temple clashed with Villanova in Philadelphia.

There are four undefeated touch football teams in the league. They are, 1st Bn. Headquarters, Medical, 2nd Service and Battery D.

1325TH SERVICE UNIT

The following members of the Motor Transport Detachment were transferred as indicated: Private Daniel W. Booker to the Cavalry Detachment, Fort Belvoir, Virginia; Privates Joseph F. Gary and William H. Gary, Jr., to the Service Company, Engineer School Service Command, same station.

The Military Police Section received some newcomers from Fort Eustis, Virginia: Privates Edwin S. Goodwin, Christopher W. Grieves, Zane M. Hancock, Keith L. Hurd, Donald A. MacAllister and Richard L. Manning. They took to Military Police duty like ducks take to water. Privates Sammie T. Williams and Woodrow W. Harper, Military Police Section were transferred to the 221st Military Police Company, Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland.

The results of the following games to be played on the U.S.O. Basketball Court, Harrisburg, Penna., will be published in the next issue:

Military Police Section, Service Unit vs. Company D, Carlisle Barracks
Motor Transport Detachment, Service Unit vs. Medical Field Service Team, Carlisle
Headquarters Detachment, Service Unit vs. New Cumberland Post Team
Medical Detachment, Service Unit vs. Headquarters, Carlisle Barracks
Quartermaster Detachment, Service Unit vs. Middletown Air Depot Post Team.

190TH FIELD ART.

CAMP SHELBY, MISS.

Camp Shelby, Mississippi—Private First Class Stanley Durtan, first cook of the 2nd Battalion Service Battery of the giant 155 millimeter long rifle field gun regiment—the One Hundred Ninetieth Field Artillery of Pennsylvania, has allowed fame to upset his temperament (and perhaps his cooking). Recently his artistry for baking cookies caused his picture to appear in the camp paper "Reveille"—thus his success was assured.

The Associated Press picked up the scene of Durtan having his wares tasted by the regimental commander, Colonel Samuel B. Wolfe, aided and capably abetted by Major Stanley V. Wilcox, chaplain, and Major Frank S. Buchanan, adjutant. The unusuual photograph showing the soldier reversing the usual order and "sending cookies home" made the national dailies including the New York "PM".

Private Durtan now in his spare time is studying French contemplating offering messhall menus in Francais to the "chow-line". He now calls hash, "bovine ala petite jeux."

73D F. A. BRIG.

CAMP SHELBY, MISS.

Brigadier General William A. March, of Norristown, Pennsylvania, commander of the 73rd Field Artillery Brigade at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, announced the appointment of his new Aide recently, Lieutenant Joseph W. Carnwath, of Rydal, Pennsylvania.

Lieutenant Carnwath, a Philadelphia attorney, is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania where he attended the Wharton School and Penn Law School. He is the permanent president of the Class of '35. Besides being editor of the *Daily Pennsylvanian*, Lt. Carnwath was a member of the famous Mask and Wig Club while attending the University.

The new Aide to the General enlisted as a private on November 11, 1940 with Battery C of the 166th Field Artillery regiment and was commissioned on June 27, 1941. He was later appointed to the 73rd Field Artillery Brigade as an Executive officer. He now succeeds Lieutenant Arthur Wood who has been appointed to the Army Air Forces at Washington, D. C.

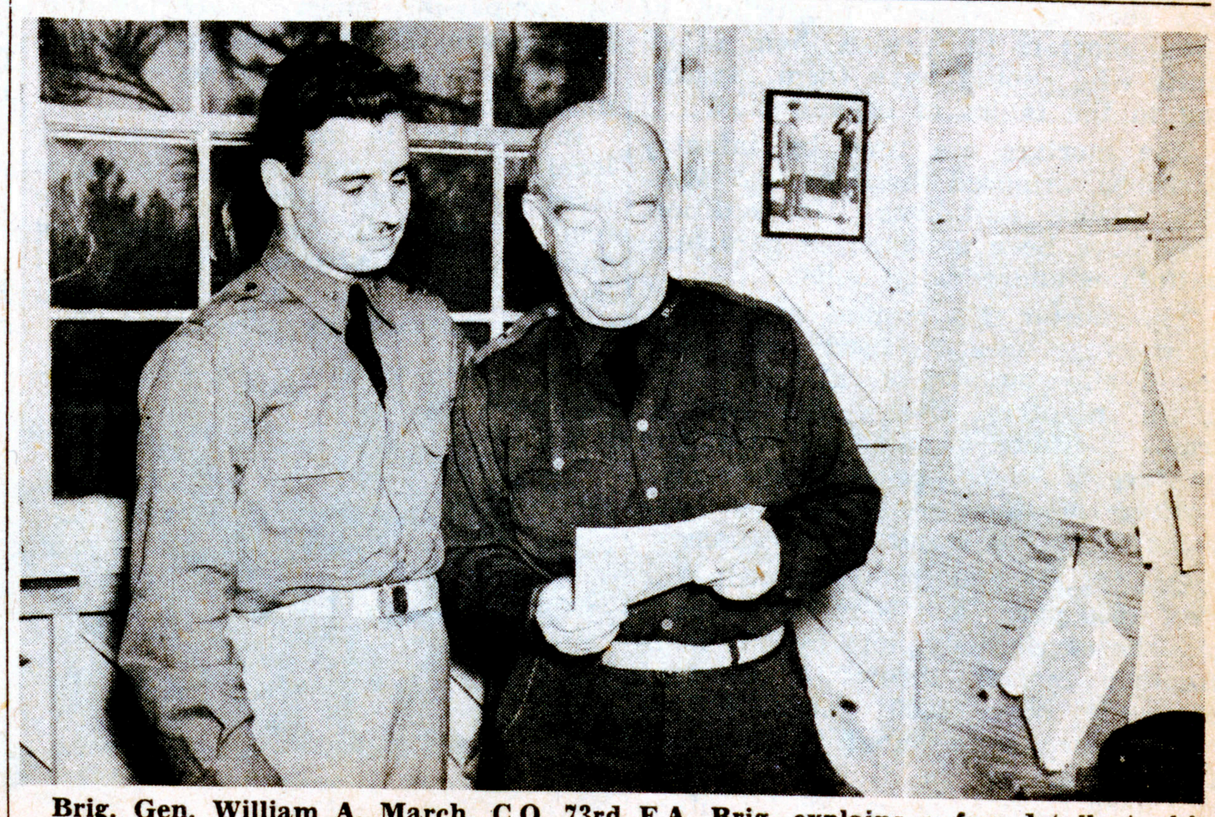
It is not how old you are but how you are old.

Men are like corks—some will pop the question, others have to be drawn out.

Alimony is a man's cash surrender.

Busybodies always have the interferiority complex.

Many a person will forget the past for a present.



Brig. Gen. William A. March, C.O. 73rd F.A. Brig. explains a few details to his new Aide, Lt. Joseph W. Carnwath. (Camp Shelby, Miss.)

Men in Camp to Have Merry Xmas

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Christmas tree; singing of Christmas carols by girls and soldiers.

Friday, Dec. 26—Christmas dance, formal; girls from Lancaster.

Saturday, Dec. 27—Informal dance. (Also, tentative formal military ball in Reading).

Tuesday, Dec. 30—Formal dance; girls from Hershey.

Thursday, Jan. 1—New Year's Day dance, formal.

Saturday, Jan. 3—Informal dance; girls from Lebanon.

Tuesday, Jan. 6—Formal dance; girls from Allentown.

No definite programs have been arranged for Christmas Day or for New Year's Eve, Mrs. Shattuck said, for the obvious reason that the soldiers are expected to be too busy visiting. But for this purpose, and indeed at all times, the Service Club is available. On every night not included in the schedule above, informal programs with a variety of games and entertainment, will be conducted.

Assisting Mrs. Shattuck in the demanding job of soldier entertainment are Miss Carolyn Lavonne Swank, junior hostess; Miss Kula Nicas, cafeteria hostess, and Miss Mary Jane Smith, librarian. These women work tirelessly, day and night, to bring cheer and light-hearted moments to the soldiers, who are more than ever appreciative of this fact.

None the less are they grateful to the women in each of the seven community groups who are responsible for the job of getting girls to attend the dances, and to the girls themselves, who travel many miles and spend time and money to help make the soldiers' hours brighter.

In behalf of the soldiers, therefore, the GUARDSMAN wishes to acknowledge the splendid efforts of the following ladies: Mrs. Ashley deWolf, Hershey district; Mrs. C. O. Alexander and Mrs. James Powers, Port Carbon, Pottsville and New Philadelphia district; Mrs. George Moffett and Dr. and Mrs. William Ross, Harrisburg; Mrs. Adam Miller, Lebanon; Mrs. John H. Hollinger, Lancaster; Mrs. P. M. Pardee, Allentown; Mrs. Malvin Spiece, Sinking Springs, and Mrs. Paul C. Craig, U.S.O. representative in Reading.

On occasion, these women have had to accomplish the next thing to miracles, and they have responded magnificently.

It was raining cats and dogs and there were poodles in the street.

—Pup.

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

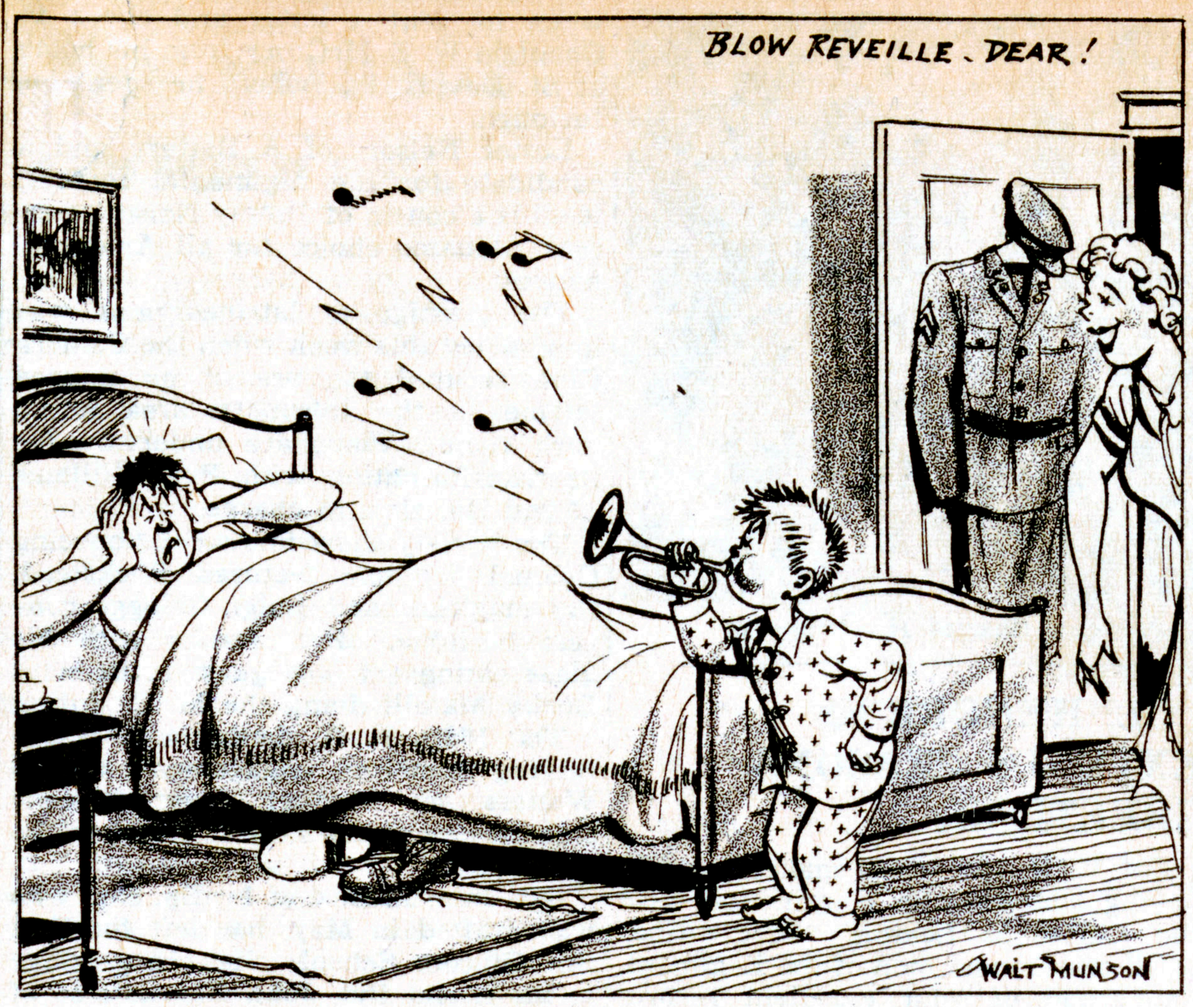
ARMY NOW FULLY EQUIPPED WITH MORTARS

All troops of the United States Army are completely equipped, as of December 15, with mortars, it was learned at the War Department. During the past year, the Ordnance Department has secured sufficient production of these mortars to furnish them to all units who should have them, according to the tables of organization.

The mortars are used by infantry divisions, armored divisions and Military Police battalions. In addition, they have been assigned to parachute battalions and cavalry units.

The mortar is a mobile, high-angle, short-range weapon used principally in the close support of rifle companies of the infantry. This weapon concentrates its fire on machine gun nests and on targets which, because of irregularities in the ground, cannot be reached by flat-trajectory weapons.

One type mortar throws its projectile over 1500 yards and is so light that it may be carried complete by one man. Another mortar throws a standard projectile over 3000 yards and a heavier projectile about half as far. This mortar may be divided into several pack loads to be carried by infantry or cavalry.



"Now wasn't that a bright idea of Santy Claus to bring Junior a BUGLE?"

ARTICLES OF WAR STRESSED

Solemn reading of certain Articles of War to all personnel of the 28th Division has brought home to them certain legal effects of the State of War, in which the rights and liabilities of military personnel are affected.

Under provisions of Federal Law, all persons who desert the service after the declaration of war are deemed to have voluntarily relinquished and forfeited their rights of citizenship, as well as their right to become citizens; and such deserters are forever incapable of holding any office of trust or profit under the United States, or of exercising any rights of citizens thereof.

The crimes and offenses denounced in the following Articles of War are capital if committed after declaration of war:

A.W. 58—Desertion.

A.W. 59—Advising or aiding another to desert.

A. W. 64—Assaulting or wilfully disobeying a superior officer.

A.W. 66—Mutiny or sedition.

A.W. 67—Failure to suppress mutiny or sedition.

A.W. 75—Misbehavior before the enemy.

A.W. 76—Subordinates compelling a commander to surrender.

A.W. 77—Improper use of a countersign.

A.W. 78—Forcing a safeguard.

A.W. 81—Relieving, corresponding with, or aiding the enemy.

A.W. 82—Spies.

A.W. 86—Misbehavior of sentinel.

A.W. 92—Murder or rape.

Modern Girl (telephoning home at 2:00 A.M.): "Don't worry about me Mom. I'm O. K. I'm in jail."

—The Pennsylvania Triangle.

DOUBLE CHECK MADE ON SOLDIERS' MESS

Another step has been taken in the Third Corps Area to insure soldiers in camps the finest meals possible. Subsistence Officers have been named to make frequent inspections of Army mess halls.

In addition to inspections made by local officers in the camps, the Corps Area officers will make sure that the food is properly cooked, appetizing and served hot when appropriate. All food handlers are given a special monthly physical examination.

CHANGES IN OFFICER PERSONNEL

Lt.-Col. T. L. Hoban, Scranton, executive officer of the 109th Infantry, has been assigned to duty with the 28th Division as acting G-3, assistant chief of staff, a position he held during most of the Carolina maneuvers. Due to return tomorrow with Col. John H. VanVliet after attending a course in the instruction and direction of Divisional schools at Ft. Benning, Ga., Lt.-Col. Hoban has the distinction of being one of the most popular Pennsylvania jurists in the armed forces of Uncle Sam. In civilian life he was serving his second term as a judge of the court of common pleas in Lackawanna County. He is a World War veteran and was associated with the 109th Infantry during its entire National Guard existence.

Lt.-Col. Hoban succeeds Lt.-Col. George W. Phillips, who has been relieved of duty with the 28th Division after serving as G-3 for five years. Lt.-Col. Phillips, a native of Baltimore, Md., is assigned to duty with the U. S. Army Air Corps. He served with the "Iron Division" during World War I and before assignment as G-3 he was Adjutant General.

The 28th Division also lost another of its outstanding members to the U. S. Army Air Corps: Lt.-Col. Frank A. McKenry, who is now at Miami, Fla. Lt.-Col. McKenry, just before the GHQ maneuver, was assigned to Ft. Bragg, N. C., as commander of the Replacement Depot there. Subsequently he officially left the 28th Division and was assigned to the Air Corps. Born in Pennsylvania, December 14, 1879, Col. McKenry's home is in Hollywood, Fla. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Ordnance and Quartermaster Corps on July 23, 1915, and served as inspector-general of the 28th for many years.

Succeeding him as inspector-general is Col. VanVliet, a Regular Army officer who was instructor of the 110th Infantry and, for a time, commander of the 112th Infantry. Col. VanVliet, for several weeks, was assigned to II Army Corps for umpire duty in the Carolinas.

Relieved From Duty

Capt. Albert F. Doyle, M. C., and First Lieut. Hugh Calthart, M. C., both of 103rd Medical Regiment.

Burning the straw of the bed-ticks. Prior to breaking camp in the Carolinas.

HERE AND THERE

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Reading. Major Clifford G. Besse, Public Relations officer of the 1325th Service Unit, is in charge of arrangements.

Members of the Jewish faith attended the U.S.O. Chanuka service, supper and dance at the Beth Israel Synagogue Lebanon, Sunday. Chaplain Seigel, 111th Infantry, was in charge. The program was sponsored by the B'Nai B'rith Girls of Central Pennsylvania and was well attended.

A free turkey dinner and entertainment program was given to Shriners in the service of Uncle Sam at the Zembo Temple, Harrisburg, last Monday. The special fall ceremonial was held at this time.

All graduates of Girard College are requested to furnish their name, rank and organization to the Adjutant General, 28th Infantry Division. The editor of *Steel and Garnet* is requesting this information so that copies of this publication and other publications can be mailed to all graduates in the service. Anyone having this information about Girard graduates in units other than the 28th Infantry Division are requested to furnish it so that as many of the alumni as possible, who are in the service, will receive this publication.

109TH INFANTRY "GETS ITS MAN"

When the history of the Carolina maneuvers is finally written, it will have to include the spectacular feat of the 109th Infantry, during one afternoon's battle against the 43rd "Yankee" Division in the vicinity of Peachland.

During this scrap the 109th, minus its first battalion, which was attached to II Army Corps as an antitank unit, and Company K, which was acting as "local security" for the 28th Division command post, captured more than 200 prisoners without losing a single man.

The S-2 section, headed by Capt. Louis J. Merk, has actual records for about 250 prisoners, but they kept coming so fast that the statisticians couldn't keep up with them. Transportation facilities were at a premium and a shuttle system between the 109th's hastily-constructed prison enclosure and the 28th Division concentration camp was going without letup. The mess line, too, was enormous—the 43rd men claiming they had not eaten for 24 hours.

Col. Stanley F. Coar, commander of the 109th, beamed like a proud father at the work of his hard-fighting boys. "Do you know," he said, "our regiment turned in the greatest number of prisoners in the corps, and lost the least."

One of the prize "coups" was the capture of an entire enemy machine-gun platoon. This prisoner group, consisting of five weapons carriers, six motorcycles and two reconnaissance cars, was convoyed back to Division Headquarters by a single vehicle. Other prizes captured were important maps which gave the complete enemy plan. These were turned over to G-2. All told, 85 vehicles and eight officer prisoners were included in the day's work.

But the amazing thing about this story is that the 109th regiment was in Corps "reserve" at the time!

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The following message was received by the War Department from the President:

"To the Army and Navy:

In the crisis which confronts the Nation, our people have full faith in the steadfastness and the high devotion to duty demonstrated by the men in all ranks of our Army and Navy. You are setting an inspiring example for all the people, as you have done so often in the past. In sending my personal holiday greeting to you I feel that I should add a special measure of gratitude to the admiration and affection which I have always felt, and have expressed in other years. I am confident that during the year which lies before us you will triumph on all fronts against the forces of evil which are arrayed against us.

(Signed) FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT,
Commander in Chief"

THANKS A MILLION!

It was heartening to see the many kind invitations to dinner which came in from our neighbors, but it's too bad that certain pass restrictions made it necessary for the 28th Division to decline them. We want the many people nearby to know we appreciate their hospitality more deeply than we can ever express in words. It was a wonderful Christmas, knowing that they were thinking of us.

TO CORRESPONDENTS

Holiday schedules and furlough periods have interfered to some extent with the normal publication and editorial schedule of the PENNSYLVANIA GUARDSMAN, with the resulting omission of several unit news columns. To insure publication in next week's issue, unit reporters are requested to submit their copy to the Morale Office not later than Sunday noon.

Spirit of Christ Abounds in Shower Of Good Will Shown to Our Soldiers

Indiantown Gap's first Christmas in World War II will remain a lasting memory to all men stationed here. It was a Christmas which eminently showed the kindness of the Divine Providence in spite of the destruction men have wrought upon the world.

The men of the service had many things on their minds when the Yuletide rolled around. They had the very uncertain future, the changes in their lives to think about, but these, and other unpleasant thoughts of worldly conditions, were shunted into the background as they and their fellow men joined in the celebration of the Birth of Christ.

Soldiers here could have not had any other but a wonderful Christmas. Everybody was so filled with the spirit of kindness and helpfulness that the world at once seemed brighter, and defiant of the dark clouds which hang over it.

It would take much space to list all the many expressions of good will which we are experiencing here at Indiantown Gap. The many gifts, invitations to dinner, donations and contributions and, most of all, the good wishes which came pouring in from all over the country would read like a fairy tale to most people.

And yet it was all true. There is a Santa Claus. But more than the value of the gift, the soldier was more deeply moved by the thoughtfulness of folks everywhere. It was the only Christmas gift he wanted.

The old adage—"it's not the gift that counts, but the spirit of giving,"—is being retold countless number of times here, unveiling new meanings of charity, friendship and humility.

A thousand examples could be cited to show the extreme in soldier hospitality.

One of the best is that of the Scranton man, desirous of remaining anonymous, who was so happy at having his own son home for the holiday, that he sent a check for $100 to Capt. Carl

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HERE AND THERE

Even though they knew it the moment of the Pearl Harbor attack, the men over 28 were officially informed by the War Department last week that all existing instructions as to the release of officers and men of all components, except for incompetence and physical disability, have been suspended.

Those kind notices the 28th Division received in *Collier's* recently were the result of contributions by our sports ed., Dave Zinkoff. "Zink," incidentally, is still getting that line, "private Zinkoff Says," in the Philadelphia *Daily News*. The kid has some stuff on the ball.

Enlisted men having experience in the operation and handling of motion picture sound projection equipment are requested to send their names to the Signal Office, Headquarters 28th Division, listing the experience they have had.

Lt.-Col. Norman P. Groff, assistant chief of staff, G-2 section, and Major George A. Cockefair, Hq. 56th Infantry Brigade, have been assigned to mark and grade examination papers of candidates to the U. S. Military Academy, West Point, N. Y.

Motion picture projectors, training films and film strips, are now available to organizations of the 28th Division, it was announced this week. Requests for films and the projector, or films only, must be submitted to the Division Signal Office, in triplicate, at least two weeks before the date selected for showing. A list of all training films and film strips with the Division will be distributed to brigade and regimental headquarters. Efforts will be made to show films to all interested personnel of a regiment at the same time. When time permits, showings can be repeated, allowing 15 minutes

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THANKS, CAPTAIN

THE PENNSYLVANIA GUARDSMAN wishes to thank Capt. Maurice Shulman, post morale officer, for the splendid program of events he has arranged at the Service Club for all men stationed at Indiantown Gap.

Capt. Shulman, a member of 1325th Service Unit, has been here since Sept. 10. He has the huge responsibility of trying to make soldiers happy through the medium of dances, entertainment and other morale activities. The arranging of social events, hiring of orchestras, etc., are jobs that issue through his office.

That the calendar at the Service Club has become increasingly popular with all men of Indiantown is a tribute to Capt. Shulman's untiring efforts in behalf of our soldiers.

Sgt. Conrad to Retire After 30 Years In Service; Would Do It Over Again

Thirty years may seem like an eternity to most soldiers but Master Sergeant Edward Conrad, who is assigned to 28th Division Headquarters, wouldn't mind doing it all over again.

Sergeant Conrad on Jan. 31 will round out 30 years of Army life and will retire from the service. Coming at a time when the U.S. is again plunged into the clutches of war, his forthcoming retirement brings to this No. 1 Army booster a tinge of regret.

"I have given 30 years of my life for Uncle Sam," he declared at his office yesterday, "and I'd like to give up 30 more."

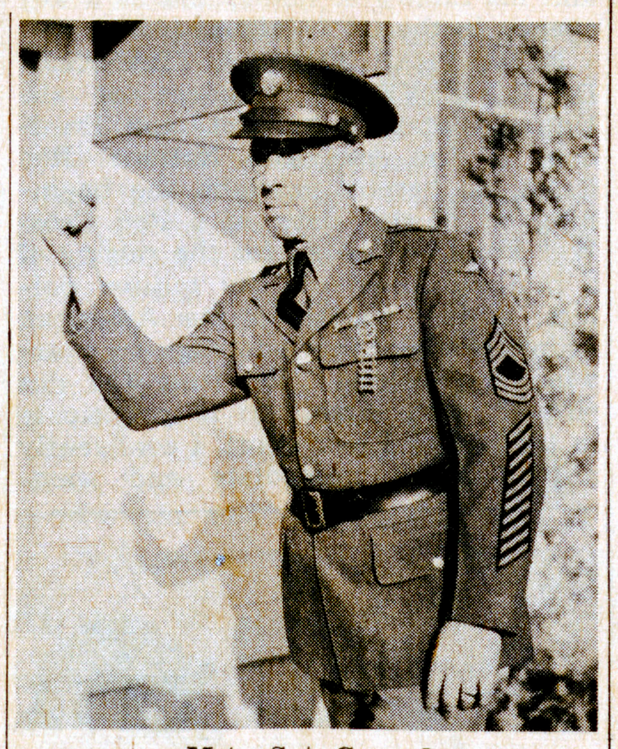
Shortly, however, this well-liked veteran will go on furlough for a much-deserved rest, then he will return to Indiantown Gap to be formally and finally discharged.

Born in Newark, N. J., on May 1, 1887, Sgt. Conrad enlisted in the U.S. Army on Aug. 2, 1908, and was assigned to the 11th Infantry, Cuba. During his first few years in the Army he saw service at various posts, including Cheyenne, Denver, Trinidad and Cheyenne, and at the end of his second "hitch" he was discharged as a corporal.

Three months later, the seed of the service having been firmly rooted in him, he joined hands again with Uncle Sam, this time to stay for good. In the early years of World War I he was stationed in the Phillipines, and until April 5, 1917, he was attached to the U. S. Marines as a guard of German prisoners who were being sent to this country for interment.

Later, he joined the 8th Infantry at Manila, and with that outfit traveled to The Presidio in San Francisco, and then to Ft. Meade, Md., where in 1918, he prepared to embark for France with the 63d Infantry Regiment, 11th Division.

Not long after that, however, the Armistice was signed and the regiment left for Washington, D. C., where it was mustered out of the service. Sgt. Conrad, however, had too much Army blood in him by this time, and he fortright enlisted with the 63d Infantry at Madison Barracks, N. Y.



Mstr. Sgt. Conrad

Later he was assigned to the 34th Infantry and on April 10, 1922, he began his association with the 28th Division.

He was assigned as a sergeant instructor with the Pennsylvania National Guard and was stationed at Harrisburg. For a number of years he was on duty in Scranton. He attained his master sergeant's grade in 1939.

Sgt. Conrad's advice to American soldiers is simple enough:

"Just do what you are told, and you'll get along," says he.

He thinks the soldier of today is immeasurably better off than the one of World War days. "There have been many changes in the Army," he declared. "When I first enlisted, the pay was $13 per month. Today, conditions are much better. Everything is being done to make the soldier more comfortable.

"The Army today has standards unequalled by any other in the world. Even after this war is over, many men will make it their future."

Sgt. and Mrs. Conrad still maintain their Scranton residence. He is a member of Koch-Conley Post, American Legion, that city.

Brig. Gen. Edward J. Stackpole, Major General Edward Martin and Brig. Gen. William H. Gill lead review of troops at Muir Field.

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Commanding General's Message

The review last week was outstanding. It was accomplished like a veteran organization should perform a mission.

Regardless, however, of our fine work, there is still much to do. A military organization composed of men who know the customs of the service, how to dress neatly, know the Articles of War, perform guard duty properly, salute on the proper occasions and with snap, keep step to music, clean their rifles and equipment with pride, know how the various branches of the service support each other in battle, and see that everything in their barracks is in meticulous order, is the one that will succeed in battle and will sustain small losses.

We pray that we may not be called into battle but we must drill, train and prepare with the thought that our country may soon need us in a shooting war.

If it does, the Iron Division will prove itself a Shock Division, which will find the enemy, hold the enemy and crush the enemy.

IN MEMORY

When the 104th Chapel was dedicated Sunday the flowers on the altar were placed in loving memory of Private Joseph L. Phillips, Troop A, by Lieut. and Mrs. Henry H. Ellison, 3d. Private Phillips was the lone fatality suffered by the 104th during the Carolina Maneuvers.

SEVENTEEN OFFICERS DEPART

Seventeen officers of the 104th Cavalry departed over the week-end for their new assignments as ordered by Headquarters. The officers and their new posts:

Capt. Jesse Waite, air command, Washington, D. C.; Capt. Ira D. Cope, Air Service Command, Wellston Air Depot, Wellston, Ga.; Capt. John K. Dufton, 4th Interceptor Command, March Field, Riverside, Calif.; Capt. Furman H. Limeburner, 1st Photo Group, Bolling Field, D. C.; Capt. Charles M. Pollack, 2d Interceptor Command, Fort Lawton, Washington; First Lieut. Warren L. McKinney, 4th Interceptor Command, March Field, Riverside, Calif.; 1st Lieut. Edward P. O'Kane, 1st Photo Group, Windsor Locks, Connecticut; 1st Lieut. Kenneth C. Willson, 2d Interceptor Command, Fort Lawton, Washington; 1st Lt. Walter O. Roney, 4th Interceptor Command, March Field, Riverside, Calif.; 1st Lt. Ralph G. Shank, Air Service Command, Wayne County Airport, Romulus, Mich.; 1st Lt. Harold F. Weidner, 1st Photo Group, March Field, Riverside, Calif.; 1st Lt. Earl S. Wilson, 1st Photo Group, March Field, Riverside, Calif.; 2d Lt. Harold L. Barr, Air Service Command, Middletown Air Depot, Middletown, Pa.; 2d Lt. Irvin L. Basler, Air Service Command, Middletown Air Depot, Middletown, Pa.; 2d Lt. Perry Benson, Air Service Command, Middletown Air Depot, Middletown, Pa.; 2d Lt. James E. Clover, 1st Photo Group, Bolling Field, D. C.; 2d Lieut. John P. Wheeler, Air Service Command, Wellston Air Depot, Wellston, Ga.

In this picturesque setting Co. D, 112th Infantry, crosses the Pee Dee River on foot bridge constructed by engineers. This took place in finale of Carolina maneuvers.

RED CROSS WAR FUND CAMPAIGN

A PROCLAMATION BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

WHEREAS our country has been viciously attacked and forced into a war of vast proportions, which will inevitably bring grief and distress to many and self-sacrifice to all; and

WHEREAS for more than sixty years the American National Red Cross has played a vital role in binding up the wounds of the injured, in sheltering, feeding, and clothing the homeless, in succoring the distressed, in rebuilding broken lives, and in rehabilitating the victims of catastrophes of nature and of war; and

WHEREAS in preparation for just such an emergency as we are now facing, the American National Red Cross has been spending funds at the rate of more than one million dollars a month, which is but a small fraction of the amount that the organization now requires in order to carry out effectively its functions as an essential auxiliary of our armed forces, particularly as a friendly liaison in welfare problems between the man in service and his family at home, and as a key agency in the civil-defense plans:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, President of the United States of America, and President of the American National Red Cross, do hereby proclaim the beginning, as of this date, of a Red Cross War Fund Campaign for the raising of a minimum sum of fifty million dollars; and I appeal to the American people to make this campaign an overwhelming success. Realizing the desire of every American to participate in the national war effort, I confidently anticipate an immediate and spontaneous response to this appeal.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this twelfth day of December in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and sixty-sixth.

(SEAL) FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

By the President:
CORDELL HULL,
Secretary of State.

MEET THE 628th!

The 628th Tank Destroyer Battalion, which you may not recognize immediately by that important-sounding title, has been made a General Headquarters unit, according to a recent War Department announcement.

The tank destroyer outfit is the former 28th Division Antitank Battalion which was redesignated, officially, last week, and separated from the Iron Division.

Although under GHQ direction, the destroyers are expected to remain with the 28th for training purposes. At present the various units of the 628th, having no "homes" of their own, are located with other regiments.

Headquarters Battery, and Batteries E, B and D are quartered with the 108th Field Artillery; Battery A with the 109th F. A. and Battery C with the 107th F. A.

The antitank unit, organized provisionally last July by Lt.-Col Carl Peterson, had been living in tents at Indiantown but obviously other arrangements during the cold weather had to be made.

Major William Hernandez is the present commander.

Pvt. James H. Walker, 112th Infantry, realistically performs his training duties as he plunges cold steel into a picture of Hitler.

Photo by Signal Corps, U. S. Army.

In the Field of SPORTS

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"DAVE" ZINKOFF

SPORTS EDITOR

Only a few more days, boys—then we hope that long-awaited sports program gets underway.

In these times, when events on the outside are trying to suppress us, physically and mentally both, it's a great thing to have such things so American as sports to fall back upon for relaxation.

Right now the sports program at "The Gap" is stale-mated. This we expected because heck, everybody deserves a furlough after those maneuvers and the boys have been too busy thinking about their homes, their girl friends, Christmas gifts, etc., to concentrate upon sporting activities in any degree.

Nevertheless, we've seen a few of the fellows around the supply rooms and barracks dusting up that old basketball and volleyball, and fondling it gently as if to say—"Brother, let's get together here."

Speaking strictly of athletics, basketball is about the most important game there is in the Winter time. There may be wrestling, indoor volleyball, ping-pong and the like, but we don't think any of them approaches basketball in widespread interest. Our kids have been brought up with the game and going through a Winter without it would be just like a soldier getting up some morning and finding that scrambled eggs aren't on the menu anymore.

We've been noticing around and found that the 28th lads are raring to go in the basketball world. Maybe they've been looking somewhat enviously at the League in the U.S.O.—Catholic Center, Harrisburg, and finding that the Iron Troops are the only ones of all the nearby military cantonments who are not represented in the loop.

There are teams from New Cumberland, Middletown Air Depot, Carlisle Barracks and, from Indiantown Gap, the 1325th Service Unit—but alas, no 28th Division.

We hope, though, to have this condition remedied, just as soon as all the furlough-ees get together again and the training program gets settled.

Over in Harrisburg, where the boys from the 1325th are making quite a reputation for themselves on the basketball court, everybody knows that the 28th Division has been too busy to be able to pull a basketball team together. Her training has been strenuous throughout her entire Federal service, and yet she has always found time for sports, even though a few of the programs, notably the baseball, were disrupted at times. In recent months, of course, we were occupied with maneuvers.

Talent? Well, we think the 28th Division has just about the best in the world. So when the gang (or gangs) gets going, the other camps around here better look to their laurels.

We'd like to serve notice on Father Shott right now to warn the other teams in his league that the 28th is coming, soon. And when she does, to reserve top place in the league for OUR BOYS.

"KNOBBY"

(By Miss Helen Sams, 222 Austin St., Charlotte, N. C.)

Some Yankee soldiers use style and grace,
To bring a smile to a Southern girl's face,
While others resort to rank and renown
To make faces beam instead of frown,
Now all of these tactics may work the same,
But my experience was a "brand new game"—
He didn't waste any words, or give any tips,
But made his approach with Potato Chips.

(Submitted by Pvt John Drozel, Co. E, 103d Eng.)

One driver reported: "I was going home to eat. I gets around the corner. There suddenly comes a trolley car. To avoid an accident I runs over a pedestrian."

"Your grim faces tell me totalitarianism is done," Gov. Arthur James of Pennsylvania informs the 28th Division in address at Muir Field.

THEATRES TO OPEN

Indiantown Gap's two new theatres will be formally opened on Jan. 4, Capt. Kenneth A. Grimes, post theatre officer, has announced.

This will give the post four modern movie houses which are located to serve the best interests of all units.

War Department Theatre No. 3, which was unofficially opened Dec. 18 by the presentation of a coast-to-coast program over the NBC Blue Network, is located near the 109th Infantry area and is easily available to that regiment, the 103d Quartermaster and the 104th Cavalry. Like Nos. 1 and 2, it seats 1,038 persons.

War Department Theatre No. 4 is located at the end of artillery road near the hospital area and seats 350. It will be utilized mainly by hospital residents and artillerymen.

Nos. 1 and 2, which have been in operation for several months, will now be relieved of the unusually heavy soldier trade which they have had on occasion. No. 1 is located between the 55th and 56th Brigades on Service Road while No. 2 is located on Artillery Road west of the Guest House.

In keeping with a War Department policy, latest film releases will be featured at the soldier admission price of 20 cents.

CHILD IS BAPTIZED AT INDIANTOWN CHAPEL

A highlight of last weekend's activities at Indiantown Gap Military Reservation was the baptism of the first baby in one of the new chapels on the Post. The baby, son of Lt. James D. Richards of the 103d Engineers, was carried to the chapel in one of the regiment's newest half track prime movers and was heralded by an impressive motorcycle escort with the entire 103d Engineer Band rendering the musical honors.

While his father was engaged in the Carolina maneuvers, the baby arrived in the Methodist Hospital at Philadelphia. At yesterday's ceremony the child was named Frank James Richards, with Captain Frank M. Wallace of the 103d Engineers and Mrs. Erma Withers, both of Philadelphia, acting as proud god parents. Chaplain Percy G. Hall, Major of the regiment performed the rites for the two months old baby while the entire personnel of the regiment attended the event.

Lt. Richards, former First Sergeant of Co. E 103d Engineers, was recently commissioned as a second lieutenant.

Mrs. Richards resides at 2702 Iseminger St., Philadelphia.

The girl who does everything under the sun always has shadows under her eyes.

On Home Defense.

ARMY AIR FORCES WILL CO-OPERATE IN CONSTRUCTION OF FLIGHT STRIPS" ALONG HIGHWAYS

Construction of "Flight Strips" along the public highways is authorized by the Defense Highway Act of 1941, which has been signed by the President. The Army Air Forces will cooperate with the Commissioner of Public Roads in the selection of locations and construction of these auxiliary landing areas, the War Department announced today.

"Flight Strips" may be described briefly under the so-called Hanks' plan as auxiliary landing areas for the use of service type aircraft, planned to be built adjacent to public highways.

Although highways themselves have been used for airplane landings in cases of emergency, it is obvious that this use of highways by aircraft is impracticable except in cases of the most extreme emergency because of the danger of accidents and the blocking of traffic.

Construction of "Flight Strips" in most instances, will involve little more than widening the highway rights-of-way or the use of roadside development areas and establishment of a definite line of demarcation between highway and "Flight Strip".

WAR DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZES CONSTRUCTION OF SEVEN NEW BOMBARDMENT AIR BASES

The War Department announced today the authorization of construction by the Corps of Engineers of seven Bombardment Air Bases. These Air Bases will be located near Syracuse, N. Y.; Richmond, Virginia; Greenville, South Carolina; Nashville, Tennessee; Wal'a Walla, Wash.; Rapid City, South Dakota; and Columbus, Ohio. The sites were selected following surveys conducted by various Air Corps site selection boards during the past five months to ascertain the suitability of the locations in question for Army Air Bases. Construction will begin upon receipt by the Corps of Engineers of approved layouts prepared in the Office, Chief of the Air Corps.

Approximately 450 officers and 4500 enlisted men and 130 airplanes will eventually be stationed at each Air Base.

GENERAL COMMENDED FOR MANEUVER WORK

Headquarters of II Army Corps at Wilmington, Delaware, has issued a commendation from Major General Lloyd R. Fredendall, Commanding General of II Army Corps, to Major General Edward Martin, 28th Division Commander, for "efficient and loyal service during the First Army maneuvers in North and South Carolina, October-November, 1941."

The full text of the certificate of commendation follows:

"For especially meritorious and outstanding service during First Army Maneuvers, 1941, this certificate of commendation is awarded to:

Major General Edward Martin

CITATION: For efficient and loyal service given during First Army Maneuvers in North and South Carolina, October-November, 1941. While commanding the 28th Division, Major General Martin was required to render long and arduous duty. This he did willingly and cheerfully with unqualified cooperation, and with complete disregard for the physical hardship endured. His high qualities of leadership insured the success of operations conducted by his Division and contributed in large measure to the high standard of performance established by the II Army Corps."

Troops of the 28th Division make an impressive picture as they stage first review since their return from the Carolina wars.

55TH INFANTRY BRIGADE

109TH INFANTRY

Shut-ins though we be, there was no need for Carolers' to come a singing songs of Christmas cheer to keep spirits awake in our regiment . . . Companies outdid themselves with programs appropriate for yuletide . . . and citizens in a truly American way showered gifts upon us . . . Visitors to Company D received souvenir programs containing a roster of that unit as well as a listing of the Dinner menu and greetings from their Commanding Officer, Lt. Benjamin Trapani . . . all this the work of Sgt. Jimmy McLaughlin . . . Service Company were able to feature a photo of the Company mascot "Service" on their menu's; thanks to St. Sgt. Bill Cornell and his hobby . . . While Anti-Tank Company gave added tone to an already complete dinner with candles and linen at each table . . . Special mention must be made of Mr. Holmes, of Pomeroy's in Harrisburg who is responsible for most of the superb decorations in the regiment . . . he just wanted to do his part.

Cpl. Bill Mathias wants to know why Pvt. Edwin McGowan, Service Co., receives mail from a cetrain lassy prefixed Sgt. . . . Appropriately enough at this time we find that Medical has a Pvt. Jeuis Christ Stewart . . . Pvt. Robert D. Newlands, 2nd Bn. Hq. Det., must cover 6000 miles in order to be home with his family in Los Angeles, California for his furlough.

Sad indeed was the news that four veterans officers of the 109th are to be transferred to other units.

Major Walter J. Bryden, beloved executive officer of the Second Battalion and former commander of Co. F; Capt. Alexander F. Conley, the popular commander of Company C and war veterans from way back; First Lieut. Purcell R. Davies, Company A, who formerly was with Second Battalion, and Capt. Alexander Gilfillan, commander of Company D, are the ones whose services we are to lose in the near future. Lieut. Davies will report today to New Cumberland, Pa., for further duty, while the others will report at some future date to Third Corps Area Headquarters.

TO SERVICE SCHOOLS

Fitzsimons Hospital, Denver, Colo.:
PFC Alvin B. Worthington, Med. Det., 110th Inf., Medical Course.
Pvt. Williard H. Baker, Med. Det., 109th Inf., Medical Course.
Pvt. Joseph F. Mayzun, Med. Det., 107th F.A., Medical Course.
Pvt. Robert L. Starnes, Med. Det., 110th Inf., Surgical Course.

Army Medical Center, Washington, D. C.:
Sgt. Marvin F. Behm, Div. Surg. Office, Veterinary Course.
PFC Russell A. Labrassa, Co. G, 103d Med. Regt., Dental Course.

School of Mechanical Trades, St. Louis, Mo.:
PFC Harry Kohlmeyer, Carburation and Ignition Course.

Infantry School, Ft. Benning, Ga., Heavy Weapons Course:
1st Lt. Allan R. Lawrence, 109th Inf.
2d Lt. Paul F. Gaynor, 109th Inf.
1st Lt. Charles K. Buckwaller, 111th Inf.
2d Lt. Grahame Wood, Jr., 111th Inf.

Infantry School, Ft. Benning, Ga., Motor Maintenance Course:
2d Lt. Frank J. Brazen, 109th Inf.
2d Lt. Joseph V. Cavalier, 110th Inf.
2d Lt. Michael Delgrosso, 111th Inf.
2d Lt. Robert E. Peters, 110th Inf.
2d Lt. James F. Gorman, 110th Inf.
1st Lt. Lawrence E. Tidd, 112th Inf.
2d Lt. Alex R. Rhodes, 112th Inf.

To Signal School, Ft. Monmouth, N. J.:
PFC Forrest A. Diehl, 28th Div. Signal Co.

To Kelly Field:
Second Lt. Thomas C. Archer, 109th F. A., SD in Air Corps Pilot Course.

To 1st Army Air Artillery Command, Ft. Totten, N. Y.:
Major Paul A. Keeney, 103d Med., temporary duty.
To Ft. Belvoir, Va.:
Col. Harry W. Anderson, C. O., 103d Engineers, Third Research Course.

QM Depot, Halobird, Md.:
Pvt. Richard M. Culp, Co. E, 103d QM, two months.
Pvt. Jesse T. Hoffman, Co. E, 103d QM, three months.
Pvt. Claude E. Kelley, 103d QM, three months.

TRANSFERS AND ASSIGNMENTS

2d Lt. Elliott VonCulin, 111th Inf., from SD Hq. 28th Div., to Sd 103d Ordnance Co.

2d Lt. Charles G. Armfield, Jr., assigned to Signal Co., 28th Div.

Capt. Edward M. Reilly, Asst. Ordnance officer to Acting Ordnance officer.

Pvt. John B. Piotrowski, Co. D, 103d Eng., transferred to Hq. Co., 28th Div.

Pvt. William H. Peck, Hq. By., 1st Bn., 109th F. A., to Hq. Co., 28th Div.

Pvt. Clinton L. Harmes, Co. H, 109th Inf., to Hq. Co., 28th Div.

Pvt. Raymond J. Cadagin, Co. C, 111th Inf., to II Army Corps.

Pvt. Andrew J. Garber, Jr., Co. A, 110th Inf., to II Army Corps.

Pvt. Raymond A. Moatz, Bry. F, 109th F. A., to Hq., 59th Observation Squadron, Ft. Dix, N. J.

Pvt. Robert J. Hodge, Hq. Det., Med. Bn. Clearing Station, 103d Med., to Med. Station, Camp Croft, S. C.

PFC Bernard S. Lloyd, Hq., 55th Inf., to Hq. and Hq. Co., GHQ.

Pvt. Patrick DeHaven, Co. E., 112th Inf., transferred to 28th M. P. Co.

Corp. Thomas J. Jabour, Hq. Co., 110th Inf., is relieved of SD, G-2, 28th Div. Hq.

First Lieut. Helmuth F. Stude, 112th Inf., to SD, G-1 Section, 28th Div. Hq.

Second Lieut. Joseph H. Bott, 111th Inf., assigned to 28th M. P. Co.

Second Lieut. Samuel F. Hershberger, 112th Inf., assigned to Special Troops.

With bayonets glistening, troops of the 110th Infantry march snappily past the reviewing stand at Muir Field.

Service in all kinds of weather. Here "Service," the pet mascot of Service Co., 109th Infantry, gets blanket protection in rain as helps boys of his company on maneuvers.

ARMY TO REORGANIZE ARMORED DIVISION

Reorganization of the Army's five Armored Divisions to provide more medium tanks than light tanks, self-propelled assault artillery, substitution of armored cars for scout cars and small changes in the basic units composing the Division has been authorized, the War Department announced today. The new organization goes into effect January 1, 1942.

The changes are the result of lessons learned from nations at war throughout the world as seen and reported by U. S. military observers, and after participation of Armored Divisions in the most extensive maneuvers ever held in this country beginning last May and ending early this month.

Two major changes are made in the new organization approved by the War Department upon the recommendation of Major General Jacob L. Devers, Chief of the Armored Force.

In the first, the number of tank regiments within the Division is reduced from three to two.

Reorganization of the Field Artillery units from one regiment of four firing batteries and one separate battalion into three separate battalions, is the second major change.

Under the tables of organization formerly in effect, the Division had two light tank regiments and one medium tank regiment. Each of the two regiments provided under the new setup consists of two medium tank battalions and one light tank battalion.

In the new Armored Division there are about three medium 30-ton tanks authorized to every two light 13½-ton tanks. Formerly, there were about two light tanks to every medium tank in the Division.

Employment of Armored Divisions in maneuvers here and reports from observers abroad have indicated that the new ratio gives a more effectively balanced unit. Twice the number of medium tanks, armed with 75-mm and 37-mm guns and .30 caliber machine guns, are provided in comparison with the former total.

The reduction in the number of tank regiments and the reorganization of the Field Artillery permits the easy formation of two powerful combat teams within the Division. These changes should result in much faster dispatch of orders and reduce the time required to get the Division into action.

Addition of a number of self-propelled assault guns is made in the new organization. These weapons provide their own power for movement as part of the vehicle, with the gun mounted ready for instant firing.

Heaviest of the self-propelled weapons is the 105-mm howitzer artillery. A quantity of 37-mm self-propelled anti-tank guns are also provided.

Armored cars are being substituted for scout cars. Another change authorizes about 800 one-quarter ton 4 x 4 cars, commonly known as jeeps. A minor change involves the addition of a number of light carbine rifles to replace some of the caliber .45 pistols and caliber .30 rifles now provided.

The manpower strength of the Armored Division will remain unchanged at 12,697 officers and men.

The complete organization provides the Armored Division commander with two tank regiments, three Field Artillery separate battalions, an Infantry regiment, a Reconnaissance battalion, an Anti-tank battalion, an Engineering battalion, service units, attached observation aircraft, and under certain conditions an anti-aircraft unit.

Partial comparison of weapons in the old and new organization is as follows:

	New	*Old*
Light tanks	158	273
Medium tanks	232	108
Scout Cars	None	97
Armored Cars	79	None
105-mm Howitzers (Self-Propelled)	54	36
75-mm Howitzers, Self-Propelled (in addition to 75-mm in tanks)	39	None
75-mm Guns	None	8
37-mm Anti-tank Guns, Self-Propelled (in addition to 37-mm in tanks)	27	None
81-mm Mortars	24	20
60-mm Mortars	38	21

"KHAKI BILL"

(Official Song of the 28th Div.)

"Rise, soldier, early in the morning,
When you hear the bugle call.
Shine, Soldier, polish up the brass
If you want a Sunday pass.
Stand smartly at attention, soldier,
All the livelong day.
Rise! Shine! Say, you're doing fine,
In the 28th Division way.

"Fight, soldier, fight beside your comrades,
When you hear the battle call.
On, soldier, on to victory,
Write your gallant history
Just like your Pennsylvania fathers
In the bygone day.
F'ght! Fight! Say you're doing right,
In the 28th Division way!"

—Lyrics by member of Div. Staff

Mother: "What are the young man's intentions?"

Daughter: "I don't know he's been keeping me pretty much in the dark."

—Penn Triangle.

My girl drives me nuts when she tells me about their cow back home that drank some purple ink, and mood indigo.

Pvt. Joe Snyder, Service Co., 109th Infantry, sleeps soundly wearing atrocious pajamas given him for Christmas.

56TH INFANTRY BRIGADE

111TH INFANTRY

Mstr. Sgt. Jerome W. Reber

Although only 35 years old, First Sergeant Jerome W. Reber, Co. B, 111th Infantry, has had over 20 years' service in the Pennsylvania National Guard.

Sgt. Reber enlisted in Co. D, Second Provisional Pennsylvania Regiment, on April 12, 1920, while only 15 years old. He was appointed to his present grade on Feb. 1, 1928.

In that eventful year Sgt. Reber had the distinction of being the youngest first sergeant in a group of 54 first sergeants from the United States who served as the Escort of Honor in France. On May 19, 1928, the Escort participated in the dedication of several monuments and bridges on the battlefields of that country.

Sgt. Reber's home is in Phoenixville, Pa.

AMMO STORAGE

The War Department announced today the selection of the general area of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, as a site location for an Ordnance ammunition storage depot. The site will comprise approximately 16,000 acres of land and when completed will be operated by the Ordnance Department with certain civilian personnel. This depot will cost several million dollars and when in operation will employ approximately 200 to 500 persons.

"Tenshun!" Youngest soldier at Indiantown Gap is Terry G. Adair, six-year old son of Capt. and Mrs. Robert D. Adair, 111th Infantry, who knows a lot about the game despite his tender age. Young Terry is the 28th's No. 1 booster, following the boys all over the field. Dad is executive of 1st Bn., 111th.

73D F. A. BRIG.

CAMP SHELBY, MISS.

Brigadier General William A. March, Norristown, Pa., Commander of the 73rd Field Artillery Brigade, has to be more than just a fine soldier. He has to be a diplomat among other things.

His 166th regiment played the 190th recenty for the Field Artillery Brigade Football championship and as both are from Pennsylvania, the rivalry was even keener. The game was staged with all the pomp of a Penn-Cornell classic and the heat of battle wasn't missing either.

So General March watched the first half of the game, seated beside Colonel Samuel Wolfe, of Lewisburg, Pa., commander of the 190th Field Artillery regiment, and the half ended with neither team scoring.

For the second half, the General switched to the 166th's side of the gridiron and sat down with Colonel Brenton G. Wallace, the Rosemont, Pennsylvania, commander of the 166th Field Artillery regiment. That's when things began to happen and when the smoke had cleared away, Al Petroskey and Pete Cash, both of Philadelphia, had crossed the goal lines and Art Campbell, Conshohocken, and Steve Lewis, of Lewistown, Pa., followed a short time later to swamp the Upstate Thunderbolts, 24 to 0.

Colonel Wallace and the soldiers of the 166th now claim that General March supplied the spark for their team's victory but the General's only comment is that both teams played fine football.

In a ding-dong battle for the Pennsylvania championship of Camp Shelby and the 73rd Field Artillery Brigade laurels, an underdog 166th Field Artillery Maroon Gunner eleven rose to the heights, Wednesday afternoon, to defeat a previously unbeaten 190th Field Artillery Thunderbolts, 24 to 0, at Hattiesburg, Mississippi before 4000 spectators.

A see-saw game for three periods with 190th holding for downs on their own 3 yard line to stop the only scoring threat; the 166th drove 40 yards early in the final period to score with Al Petroskey plunging over from the 2 yard line. Croft's kick was short.

When a 190th back fumbled the following kickoff, Bolin recovered for the Gunners and on the next play, Boykin passed 17 yards to Cash, who raced the remaining 20 yards to the end zone. Croft's attempted conversion was wide.

Smart pass defense and splendid downfield blocking accounted for two more touchdowns as Art Campbell, center, and Steve Lewis, quarterback, intercepted and ran 50 and 40 yards for the third and fourth six-pointers with Tom Allison and Dugan, clearing the way for them. Tries for the points were blocked.

166TH FIELD ART.

CAMP SHELBY, MISS.

Sergeant Joseph A. Jones, Corporal Charles W. Fielding, and Corporal William F. Schweiker, all of Battery A, were enjoying their furlough in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, when the news of the Japanese attack on the United States reached them. They started for Camp Shelby immediately but interrupted their trip enroute. As they had no radio in their car, they stopped and hooked up their table model set which they were bringing back to camp at a lonely tavern in Western Virginia. Then all listened to President Roosevelt's speech to Congress, the inkeeper included, as he had no radio of his own.

Sergeant Walter Beaver, of 1st Battalion Headquarters, has lost his dog mascot, "Jolly." It's a black Scotty about 3 years old and he'd appreciate its return. Sergeant Beaver thinks it might be in the vicinity of the 38th Division which borders the 73rd Field Artillery Brigade area.

Private Gayle Chaffin, of Battery G, an anti-tank battery now part of the 773d Tank Destroyers, arranged the party which his battery gave the other evening. Private Chaffin was head of the Beaver Little Theater Group in the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania district. He formerly sang with the University of Michigan Glee Club.

Lieutenant Walter E. McCrory, chaplain, addressed a large group of our civilian instructors in Hattiesburg recently at the invitation of Major Mack, camp morale officer. He stressed that the attitude of the soldiers was as important as the skill of their fingers.

Sergeant Leo Y. Freed, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, will be married to Miss Yolande M. Bosacco at the Glenolden Roman Catholic church December 27th, while on his furlough. Sergeant Freed is a member of the Medical Detachment of the 166th Field Artillery.

Private Don George is anxiously awaiting word of his brother, Sergeant Robert H. George, who is a member of the 9th Signal Service Company, stationed at Fort Shafter, on the Island of Oahu, Hawaii, bombed recently. Don was a member of Battery H, now a Tank Destroyer unit.

The 166th Field Artillery Band gave a "Get Together" party for the regiment, Friday night which was a great success. Besides Community singing and the latest arrangements of the Dance Band, Harold Wickstead performed his feats of magic, John Betlyon and Lou Deiss sang solos and Sid Walters charmed the huge crowd with his trumpeting.

103D QUARTERMASTER

The Q. M.'s walked off with another during the last few days in the "beautiful" state of North Carolina as they defeated the 103d Medical Regiment 1 to 0 to garner the 28th Division Softball championship. The stellar ten is coached by Sgt. John Ruth of Co. B and has showed great skill throughout the long season. And I do mean long. Baseball, softball; but the Q. M.'s are best of all in basketball, so watch them step out.

Six soldiers from this regiment have successfully passed the first phase toward entrance into Officer's Candidate School. They are: Sgt. Adam Harper, Hq. Co.; Sgt. Harry Ault, Co. A; Staff Sgt. John Gwynn, Hq. 2d Bn.; Sgt. Robert Heffner, and Pvt. Jon Walz, Med. Detach. Staff Sgt. Angelo Ferranti has passed his first phase in the Ordnance Dept.

The regiment lost one of its officers last week when Capt. George Ritter transferred to The 1st Interceptor Command, Mitchell Field, Long Island. 1st Lt. Robert Myers will take over Capt. Ritter's former duties as regimental S-2 and 3.

Still have some boys in the hospital at Fort Bragg. They include: Pvts. "Kernel" Peak, Valenti, Rose, and Heisler. Anxiously waiting their return in time to enjoy their holiday furloughs.

The portly man was trying to get to his seat at the circus. "Pardon me," he said to a woman, "did I step on your foot?"

"I imagine so," she said, after glancing at the ring, "All the elephants are still out there."

"Your're In the Army Now, But Also Behind The Plow," sings this 108th F. A. soldier who tested out farm implement in one of Carolina's cottonfields.

ALIEN ENEMIES TO BE INTERNED

Alien enemies of the United States ordered interned after hearings held under supervision of the Departments of Justice or War will be sent to permanent camps to be constructed in the southwestern states, the War Department announced today.

The first of three permanent internment camps authorized is expected to be ready for occupancy early this spring. Until these camps are completed, alien enemies are temporarily interned at various Army camps throughout the nation.

PLASTICS IN USE ON WEAPONS

The Ordnance Department has standarized the use of plastics for pistol grips, slide handles on machine guns, and bayonet handles, the War Department has announced. Companies manufacturing rifles, machine guns and pistols have been notified they may use plastics or continue to use walnut wood, depending upon the availability of materials.

It is believed that production time and money will be saved as a result of this use of plastics. Molded plastic grips and handles are capable of faster production. Being exact replicas of the dies in which they are molded, uniformity and accurate assembly to weapons is assured.

This use of plastics has been under development over a period of years. A quantity of pistols with plastic grips have already been delivered to troops.

The plastic substitutes are of the phenolic type and withstand long periods of storage, and high and low temperatures. The Ordnance Department requires that equipment for the Army must be produced to meet any conditions in which it might be called upon to serve. These plastics are required by Ordnance to withstand extreme cold of 40 degrees below zero Fahrenheit without cracking or breaking, and extreme heat of 170 degrees Fahrenheit without softening, blistering or warping. Unlike most commercial plastic products, the plastic bayonet handles and machine gun grips will bear a dull finish.

"Over The Top." Sgt. Richard Shewan, Co. E, 112th Infantry shows the way in an infantry charge at Indiantown's "No Man's Land."

Photos by Signal Corps, U. S. Army

53RD FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE

HEADQUARTERS BATTERY

The thunder of war resounded in our ears on the long trip back to Indiantown. This Brigade moved back to its station, confident in the knowledge that the lessons learned in the Carolinas made it a better and more formidable fighting unit. But perhaps the greatest emotion of all was the thought of returning home. By rail, bus and plane the men are streaming out over the country to be near their loved ones during the holidays. To the gallant officers and men of the 53d FA Brigade this column wishes the most of the best for Christmas and the New Year.

Headquarters Battery marched north in its usual fine style, arriving with its men and equipment in great shape. There were a few, however, who made the long journey home with heavy hearts and these included such disconsolate swains as Pvts. Kovacs and Leach. The sultry Carolina moon also left its indelible imprint in the romantic mind of Pvt. Floyd Schanley, the Romeo of Reading. Corporal Campbell, on the other hand, said that he was glad to get back to the Gap because the Southern hospitality was so lavish it was keeping him broke trying to buy a round now and then And speaking of rounds, PFC Frank Lavin, the Message Center Flash, cannot account for at least twelve hours of the trip home: fellow merry-go-rounders O'Leary and Santa Barbara merely confuse him in trying to piece together the missing hours and events in and around Warrenton, Virginia.

Harrisburg and its environs felt the presence of the battery almost immediately after our return. Sgt. Tom Edgar went into his routine of supporting various soda fountains in the Capitol, while Pvt. Gailliot and Pvt. Forster started their one night stands in front of the various administration buildings there. Master Sgts. James Corcoran and Jack Marsh are permitting the good citizens of that metropolis to set aside a night for them during which they may be adequately entertained: nothing less than a gala mammoth reception is expected by these gay white light boys.

Mess Sgt. Daniels and his trained kitchen act are resting for the winter. Those brave lads are grateful for the opportunity the Army now affords them of working indoors, on a permanent floor, in severe contrast to their task of cooking on a swaying truck and mixing ingredients with gloved hands in the dark. The honor roll of bravery in the pantry follows: Pvts. Castellano, Dunnigan, Falcone and Lechman . . . The Battery wishes Capt. Charles McGovern and Capt. Eugene Anderson 'good luck' in their new posts with the 109th FA and regret their departure from the Staff . . .

Our rear guard detachment, comprising Master Sgt. Gallo and Pvts. Luzanski and Capone bridged the Gap during our long absence, and the battery was glad to hear of Sgt. Gallo's recovery from a serious operation. . . . The wintry blasts coming from the mountains merely served to increase the determination of boys like Pvt. Ley, Tomacari, and Aiken to have a hot time in any old town during their furlough . . . However, the Three Dukes — Keller, Cronin and Gallegher, said that Pittsburgh never seemed so attractive before . . . The 53d FA Brigade extends the seasons greetings to its brother arms and services in the Iron Division . . .

ARMY TO BUILD THREE NEW CAMPS

The War Department announced today authorization for the construction of triangular division camps at the following locations: Blackstone, Virginia; Bastrop, Texas, and Ozark, Alabama. Each of these three sites were previously announced as selected on May 14, 1941 and July 16, 1941, in accordance with the War Department's long range planning program. The engineering layout and plans for these camps have been complete for some time. Negotiations for contracts to construct will be entered into at the earliest possible date.

In line with its policy of planning, the War Department today announced the selection of five general areas as sites for possible new Army Camps.

No funds are now available for the acquisition of the new sites or for construction of these new camps. The locations have been chosen in order that interested Army agencies can perfect plans for the camps should it later on become necessary to increase the strength of the Nation's armed forces.

The general areas for the approved sites are as follows:

Chillicothe, Ohio
Roaring Spring, Pennsylvania
Lewistown, Illinois
Gainesville, Texas and
Centreville, Mississippi

107TH FIELD ART.

Returning to the Gap under the conditions of war and an imminent threat to long deferred furloughs officers and men of the 107th Field Artillery refused to be disheartened and took pleasure in hot baths, comfortable beds and quarters. The cleaning of materiel and reestablishment of the regimental area were the first considerations. By the end of the week a training schedule was in effect and formal instruction was supplementing the experience in the field.

Major James C. Frank, recent graduate of the Command and General Staff School at Leavenworth, Kansas, regimental S-3 has lost no time in continuing the training which he has directed since the induction of the regiment. Captain William Orr, brings to his assignment as assistant S-3 the benefit of rich experience in staff work.

Chaplain Burleigh A. Peters and the members of the regiment experienced great pleasure in the dedication of the regimental chapel Dec. 14. This event was a pleasant contrast to the first services which were held in the gun park or unheated barracks. Mrs. C. Roy Bell of Lebanon, Pa. was the vocal soloist on this occasion and we were glad to have her back. Corp. Richard Scheafnocker furnished the organ music with the new Hammond Electric Organ.

At the Division Review December 16th the 107th had reason for pride in that the only enlisted man to receive a Division Citation is Sgt. James B. White of D Battery. That defile certainly held a valuable prize!

Although 50% of the regiment departed late Tuesday on precious Christmas furloughs, Plans and Training have kept up the pace with a comprehensive program of small arms, sectional and motor maintenance training. Mr. Sgt. Harkins, Operations Operations Chief, must be cooking up something in those evening sessions in the S-3 room.

2d Bn. Hq. Btry. announces its eighth change in CC's in the person of Lt. Meconi. Lt. Rocco F. Meconi has made a favorable impression on the battery and is assured of the complete cooperation of the battery.

SS Pvt. James Kern is a former professional hockey player from Omaha, is now a member of A Btry. When Corp. Phil Cohen inquired as to the location of the YMCA at S. Boston, a small urchin replied that the town did not have a radio station.

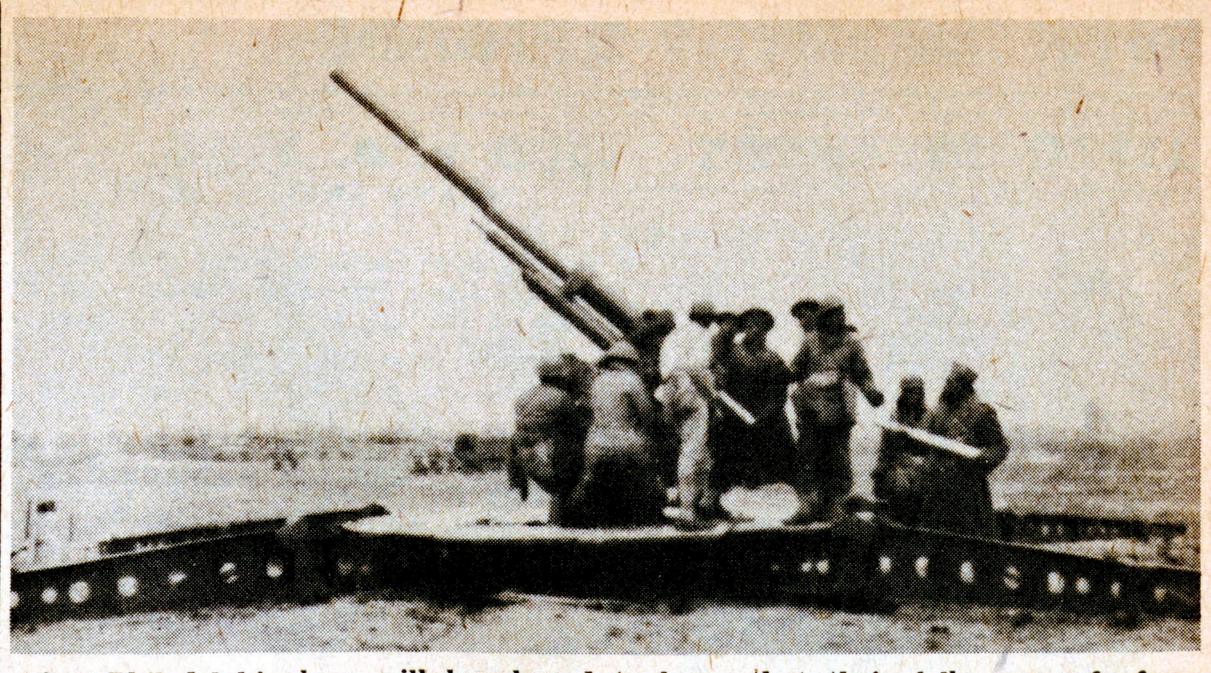
B Btry. welcomes Pvt. Elmer Wolf who has just completed a course in Motor Mechanics at Fort Sill.

Pvt. William W. Opferman of the Medical Detachment is renewing acquaintances after spending 2 months in the Station Hospital recuperating from a field injury. Corp Charles Abernethy has a pictorial history of his year in the service with 300 snapshots.

Pvt. Joseph Mayzun has been selected to attend a Medical course at the Fitzsimmons General Hospital, Denver, Colorado.

Christmas bells will be wedding bells to a long list of our men.

Corp. Phebus of 2d Bn. Hq. confused the word "box" with "flock" and delivered ten Dixies to Col. Harlo Higby.



Our Philadelphia boys will be pleased to learn that their folks are safe from air attack when groups such as this from the 76th C. A. stand ready to protect them, day or night.

NEW ARMY UNIFORM REGULATIONS ISSUED

New Army regulations on the Prescribed Service Uniform, AR 600-35, and on Wearing of the Service Uniform, AR 600-40, have been issued, the War Department announced today. They are the first revisions of these regulations since December 1, 1926, and June 22, 1931, respectively, and reflect the many changes in articles of uniform during the intervening years.

The revisions bring together in compact form all regulations on correct service uniforms and the wearing of them. For the first time, they include illustrations as an aid to understanding the text. The official specifications for uniforms and insignia are published separately by the Quartermaster General. Samples of the adopted shades and standard cloths for uniforms will be sent to headquarters of all corps areas and stations.

Few changes of the requirements now actually in effect are made. Whatever changes there are in designs and materials, all members of the Army will be authorized to wear out articles of the uniform they now possess.

New, however, is the elimination of the white shirt for wear with the service uniform as has been authorized for officers and enlisted men. Only the olive drab or the khaki shirt will be worn.

The regulations also simplify the shades of all Army leather, except for gloves. The single standard color is Army russet, instead of tan, cordovan and russet as previously authorized for Sam Browne belts and other articles of leather.

Black braid on the sleeve of the service coat is no longer required of officers detailed in the General Staff Corps. No distinction is made between the braid for these officers and for officers of other arms and services.

Among the illustrations are depictions of the new steel helmet and liner which, as issued, will replace the field hat; service hat; and cloth-covered fibre helmet. The liner will be worn as a separate item of headgear and the steel helmet will be worn over it, when protection afforded by the helmet is necessary.

The illustrations also show details of the present coat, which is often called the "new" coat, a garment with two side plaits, authorized since January 22, 1940. The text also points out that an olive drab shade is required for all wool garments except that light trousers or breeches of a "drab" shade are authorized as heretofore, when not in the field.

Medals, service ribbons, battle clasps and buttons will be pictured too. The new regulations omit authority to Reserve Officers to wear the identification badge bearing a replica of the Minute Man.

The revised regulations indicate the great changes in Army clothing from that of the not-so-long-ago. For instance, in the 1931 revision of AR 600-40, breeches, boots or leggings, and campaign hats were prescribed for all personnel.

The new regulations point out that now personnel of mounted organizations alone are authorized to wear breeches and boots, while campaign hats may be worn only by mounted units, troops in Alaska, in overseas departments, and where the cotton uniform is never worn. Officers, too, may wear campaign hats when enlisted men wear the field hat.

The illustrations show the cloth belt, without buckle, which is stitched around the waist of the coat worn by officers of the Army Air Forces in lieu of the Sam Browne belt worn by other officers.

Ties to be worn are prescribed by the new regulations; the black tie when the service coat is worn and when the olive drab wool shirt is worn without the coat; and the khaki tie when the khaki shirt is worn without the coat.

Missing will be references to dress uniforms, since that subject is covered in AR 600-38, and to such items as field glasses, canteens and whistles, because the field manuals cover them.

DON'T ARGUE WITH SENTRY!

To avoid any possibility of accident, soldiers are cautioned not to cause any argument when stopped or given an order by a sentry.

The guards now on duty in the camp are armed with ball ammunition and they are protecting U. S. property as well as the lives of their fellow soldiers.

When they stop you, it is not because they want to hold you up or inconvenience you in any way. They have a duty to perform. They are given definite instructions, and they must be obeyed.

The guards are fellows like ourselves, who just wish to to their job without running into trouble. Treat them with respect and caution your civilian friends to do likewise.

Advise them to be especially careful at night. If they fail to stop upon a sentry's order, the sentry may justifiably deem them to be spies or saboteurs.

"Where are you going to eat?"
"Let's eat up the street."
"No, I don't like asphalt."
—Old Maid.

Charge of the Cavalry. The 104th's colorful troops pass in review in tribute to those who died on maneuvers.

103D ENGINEERS

Furloughs, furloughs — After the usual amount of rumors they were given, as expected.

Cold weather greeted us upon the beginning of our first week back at Indiantown. To those of us who arrived at the Gap in February it brought back the memories of those early days in our training.

The map of the Carolina maneuver area which was printed in one of the GUARDSMAN'S recent publications was drawn by Technical Sergeant C. L. Nelson of H. & S. General Martin commended Sergeant Nelson for his fine work.

According to news trickling out of Regimental Headquarters Technical Sergeant Sam Miller and Miss Helen Chambers of Canonsburg, Pa. will say "I do" before the blossoms of spring bloom again.

The Regimental Insurance Men have done a swell job. Close to a million and a half dollars in insurance has been sold. H. & S. leads the way with close to five hundred thousand dollars. The Medical detachment has an average policy of four thousand four hundred dollars—Listen to all those figures—(Nothing like a thirty-six dollar private talking in the millions.)

Second Lieutenant Robert Hummel of Company F and Second Lieutenant Patrick Kamat of Company D are attending the 10th Instructors Course at Fort Belvoire, Virginia.

An after note on the maneuvers—The Medical Detachment had the distinct honor of having no casualties or sickness during the war games till Private Larry Bennett showed up with a broken finger—The result of an innocent game of touch football.

Second Lieutenant Robert Blanning has been assigned to Company F. Lieutenant Blanning acted as 1st Batallion Adjutant while 1st Lieutenant George McGarrigle was in Command of the Rear Detachment.

Promotions: PFC Vincent Harwood, Company A to Corporal. Corporal Anton Ruher, Company A to Sergeant.

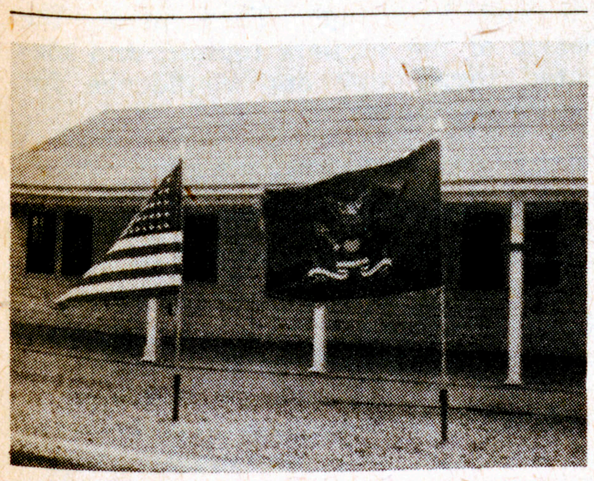
On behalf of the officers and men of the regiment this column takes the opportunity to thank the cooks of all companies for their untiring efforts in feeding the men.

On our way up from the Carolinas Company F placed guides along the road on Monday. The countryside was alive with excitement about Japan's bombing of our possessions. Private Bill Craig of Company F was approached by an old gentleman who claimed 85 winters. He was heading for Richmond, Virginia to enlist in the Army. He thought the Army could use him because he was a good cook—Just another example of American Patriotism.

. . . And so a Merry Christmas and a joyous holiday season to all of you.

CAMERA SHOTS WANTED

Men of the 28th Division are invited to submit photographic studies of human interest subjects around the camp for publication in the GUARDSMAN. Pictures will be returned promptly and undamaged. Leave them at Morale Office at Division Headquarters. Credit lines will be given where desired.



Battle-Scarred colors of the 109th Infantry return to Indiantown Gap after glorious tour of duty in Carolina. Colors were brand new when taken to the wars. National colors cost about $30, the regimental standard about $350. Both were requisitioned last February.

213TH COAST ARTILLERY

CAMP STEWART, GEORGIA

BATTERY "D" OF THE 213TH CAPTURES ARMORED FORCE

Battery D of the 213th Coast Artillery (AA), commanded by Captain Cornelius J. Rinker, Easton, Pennsylvania, had one of the most exciting experiences of the North Carolina Maneuvers, on Tuseday night, November 21st when they captured in "Armored" force. The force consisted of 5 armored scout cars, 2 "Blitz buggies," 10 officers, and 28 men.

Tuesday was a black night. Battery D was protecting a strategic bridge together with the other batteries of the 213th. This battery was the only one across on the front line side of the "Pee Dee" River. Pvt. Stanley A. Hancaviz, and Pvt. Harold A. Savitz were the outposts stationed several miles away from Battery headquarters. Suddenly they observed an armored force going into bivouac for the night. This force was part of the spearhead of the "Reds" as they sought to take possession of the Pee Dee River bridge. This force had made an attack upon Battery D earlier in the afternoon, and had been repulsed. They retreated to their bivouac position awaiting dawn and a new forward push.

Communications were cut off between OP and Battery headquarters. This made it necessary for Pvt. Hancaviz to walk several miles back to inform his battery commander of the situation.

Immediately a raiding party was formed composed of: Captain Cornelius S. Rinker, Staff Sergeant John Goldsworth, Private First Class Harold O. Owens, Private First Class Charles N. Kimble, Private First Class Joseph Jr. Peters, Private James Heath, Private Walter J. Shockency, Private Harold A. Savitz, Private Stanley A. Hancaviz, and Private Kasty J. Strauss.

Proceeding under the leadership of Captain Cornelius J. Rinker, the party advanced noiselessly to the enemy position. There they surrounded the body and first took their outpost unawares. Actual hand to hand combat followed until the identity of Battery D was made clear. The situation was brought under control and their umpire who was with the armored force ruled that they had been "captured". They were then "searched" for information. This was followed by turning them over to their umpire under a flag of truce and they were returned to their own lines.

The alertness of Battery D was attested to by the commander of the armored force. He said that this was the first time that he or his men had been "captured" and that they had participated in three maneuvers.

This was a fitting climax to the activity of Battery D in the North Carolina Maneuvers. Battery D, is in the 1st Bn. commanded by Lt. Col. Walter R. McGee.

CALL TO THE COLORS

From town to town and coast to coast,
Come men of all races and creed.
To come to Uncle Sam's rescue,
In his crucial hour of need.

So don't be a coward or a weakling,
Just step forward like a man,
Be there to protect your country,
If she is called to make a stand.

Answer the call to the colors,
To the red, white and the blue.
To insure your children's freedom,
Just as your fathers preserved it for you.

The Army offers a choice of selections,
In the States or in foreign lands.
To serve and protect your country,
And keep it a promised land.

I know we all love America,
The home of the brave and true.
So answer the call to the colors,
And America will be proud of you.

EDWARD J. BORNAK,
Hq. Det.,
1325th Serv. Unit.

"That Jap butler always did annoy me, sweetheart!"

TO ALL YOU GUYS

(By Miss Helen Sams, 222 Austin St., Charlotte, N. C.)

Uncle Sam saw fit to start a new game,
The object to put Mr. Hitler to shame.
It couldn't be played by a few, so called in a host,
And started maneuvers from coast to coast.
Now out of the thousands who have to compete,
Sooner or later you're sure to meet
A bunch of swell fellows and a dog called "Cap"—
They're the Engineers from Indiantown Gap.

When you meet with an outfit of red-blooded males,
Who are firmer than earth and harder than nails,
Who never let problems get over their heads—
And who vow that they'll never be outsmarted by Reds,
Who get into trouble and laugh at the rap,
You can bet your boots, they're the boys from the "Gap."
There isn't a thing that can baffle these Yanks,
They're the grandest guys in their Uncle's ranks.
Hardships or fortunes, they greet them the same,
And accept any orders as part of the game.
And if duty demands Hitler's head in his cap—
It'll be brought to our "Uncle" by the boys from the Gap.

(Submitted by Pvt. John Drozel, Co. E. 103d Eng.).

Corp. C. P. Lavaro and Pvt. Heitzer, Co. I, 112th Infantry, man the machine-gun as training, despite furloughs, goes on.

Photo by Signal Corps, U. S. Army

MEDAL IN A PAWNSHOP WINDOW

By Clair E. Gray

Sam closed the door of the pawnshop carefully and huddled his lean shoulders against the blast. His olive-drab overcoat, though meticulously neat, was worn too thin to be much protection against the icy wind that whistled down the Bowery street.

His right hand clutched the two worn dollar bills he had gotten from the pawnbroker. His last treasure had gone the way of all of them. He stood a moment in the shelter of the doorway, hesitant as to what he should do next. A movement in the window caught his eye and he saw the shopkeeper remove a cloth-covered card, attach to it the medal he had just taken in, and replace the card.

Well, he might as well have a last look at it. His lips curled. A lot it had gotten him, he thought. Then his face flushed with shame. A fine state of mind he was getting into. It was a free country, wasn't it?

His eyes went to the medal. The grosgrain ribbon, with its embroidered stars, was frayed on the edges and its moire pattern dulled, in spite of the care he had given it. Time had coated the eagle and the bar it supported, as well as the wreath surrounding the star below, until there was no gleam apparent to the eye. His glance fixed on the raised lettering on the bar—"Valor." Unconsciously his shoulders stiffened and he forgot the clutching fingers of the wind.

His mind went back and back to old scenes, far from his present surroundings. He might well have been sitting in ease before a roaring fire for all of the physical discomfort he felt. His face took on a glow and, as the scenes passed and repassed, his unconscious gestures would have almost painted them for a bystander.

April, 1917. Ah, those were the days. Possessed of a restless spirit, he had hailed the war as a great adventure without its meaning truly entering his consciousness and had immediately enlisted. His broad shoulders and slim waist fitted neatly into the old issue uniform and he wore it with an air. He was too lost in the adventure of the thing to resent discipline and not enough steeped in its seriousness to get down to study and go up for a non-com's examination. But he did his stint of drilling and calisthenics and hiking and fatigue with the rest of them. Too, he took full measure of that boundless hospitality shown the uniform by civilians. Dances and house parties, jobs promised on his return, girls, girls, girls. Along with all this gayety he came a real soldier, erect, tanned and with a lilt to his walk.

Then the embarkation for overseas. He remembered the postcards given at the gangplank to be mailed when his ship had docked safely in France. The ducking below the rail, as the tugs nudged them down the North River, so they would not call the attention of possible spies. The long days on shipboard were all romance to him. The smoking lights on port and starboard, the blue lights between the triple-deck bunks all came back. There was the morning he was awakened by the barking of the three-inch gun on the bow and, having rushed up to the deck, discovered a floating box to have been blown to smithereens.

The lean destroyers that greeted them a day out of Brest,—the lighters in the harbor to unload their deep-draft ship—the long march up the hill and beyond to Napoleon Barracks—the "Frog" idea of a shower bath—all these images passed in review.

The eight-horses-forty-men box-cars. The training camp back of the line. The vin blanc and vin rouge. Madamoiselle from Bar-le-Duc. The chatter of machine guns against the cloth targets. The big push. The lost liaison. Isolation. The surrounding by German troops. His volunteering as a messenger. The fog, the smoke, the flashes as he scurried from shell hole to shell hole. Shrapnel had thudded against the dome of his helmet, almost knocking him silly. Then a machine gun bullet had punctured the muscle of his left arm. Scared and reeling though he was, he had kept on going, eventually to arrive at Division headquarters and deliver the message that set the wheels of rescue in motion.

He wasn't in the hospital long but by the time he had gotten out the armistice had been signed. When he rejoined the battalion he found that he had been recommended for a medal. He hadn't thought much about that. He reckoned that he hadn't done any more than the others in the outfit, in fact not as much. They had stayed and faced the fire while he was on his way to the rear. But there in front of him hung the medal—in a pawnshop window.

His division was slated to be among the earliest to sail for the States. The trip back was one continual round of pleasure. The sea was calm and there was little "mal de mer." Outside of occasional guard duty there wasn't much to do except eat and swap experiences with the rest of the boys. Two days out of Hoboken they were informed they were to parade in New York.

Well, why not? They had been places and done things, at least so it seemed to those who waited at home. And it had been an exciting time when they had swung down Broadway between yelling mobs that lined the famous street. It had stirred up in him excitement and optimism. He had thought that from then on everything was going to be all right. They had saved the world for Democracy and now they would sit tight and reap their reward.

He didn't think much about his failure to get his job back when he appeared at the factory to claim it. In fact it was more of a relief than a disappointment. He wasn't ready to settle down as yet. The idolatry he had experienced was getting in its effect. He began to consider his experiences seriously. If he had been left alone, his healthy mind would have thrown them off in time. But the questions that were asked over and over again, had, by their own repetition, increased his thought of the dark days and it wasn't long before they had convinced him that he had indeed been through a horrible experience. He began to brood about it. Accordingly he didn't need much urging to start seeing the country. He worked when he could get work but was just as well satisfied without it. His restlessness increased with each passing year until it was exceedingly difficult for him to remain on a job for even a few days.

Then the veterans began to be a drug on the market. With the help of the rising generation, whose interests lay in the future and not in the past, with the disinterest of those who had not volunteered and who had succeeded in getting exemption from the draft, along with the backhanded slaps of the ones who made their living by high-pressure promoting, ostensibly for the benefit of the veteran, he became either unwelcome or ignored.

Jobs were more and more scarce and the variety available not of the best. He remembered the bonus with a wry smile. It had gone the usual way of an adventurer's money. He had never applied for compensation. Work relief was hard to obtain for a wanderer and he didn't care so much about it anyway.

The drone of a newsboy aroused him to realization that he was shivering with the cold. He took one last look at the medal. If there was the suspicion of a tear in his eye, he successfully shrugged it away. But his look at the token, that had been constantly with him for almost twenty-three years was a sad thing to see.

Then he heard, for the first time, what the approaching newsboy was shouting. He listened again to make sure. There it was, "Congress declares war. Read all abaht it." He stood as if dazed for a moment, then facing about, he quickly re-entered the pawn shop. Pulling the two one-dollar bills from his pocket, he threw them down on the glass counter. "I've got to have that back, Mister. Here—" he dug through his trouser pockets and fished out two dimes, "here is your interest."

The pawnbroker, a man of wide experience, sensed something unusual. He brought the medal back out of the window and handed it over. Then, surprisingly, he pushed back the dimes and the bills. "You can pay me when you get it," he said. "You'll be needing this."

Sam didn't stop to argue. He gathered up the money with a "thank you," and was on his way out. When he had gone but a half block he encountered a patrolman. He put his hand on the officer's arm. "Buddy," he said, "can you tell me where is the nearest recruiting station?"

Setting the Rising Sun. Private Charles Sandak, 112th Infantry, wields a meat bayonet when he has this inspiration.

Photo by Signal Corps, U. S. Army

NEW HELMETS READY

Quantity deliveries of the new U. S. Army pot-shaped helmet are scheduled to begin this month, the War Department has announced.

Sufficient helmets to equip several divisions will be issued.

The fiber lining in the helmet will act as normal headgear replacing the present fatigue hats. More protection for the neck and sides of the head is afforded. Flanges have been designed to permit free use of the neck and to avoid interference in handling firearms. It is considerably easier for the soldier to keep the new helmet in place while falling to the prone position.

HERE AND THERE

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for clearing the building and seating a second group.

The Post Utilities Officer will conduct a school of training for furnace firemen, to begin at a time to be announced.

Lt.-Col. Frederick P. Houghton, division chaplain, celebrated the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood of the Episcopal Church last Sunday with a special communion service in the Division Chapel. Assisting were the following other Episcopalian chaplains of the division: Major Percy Hall, 103d Engineers; Lieut. Probert E. Herb, 109th Infantry; Capt. Earl S. Honaman, 103d Quartermaster, and Capt. Charles H. Urban, 108th Field Artillery.

Chaplain Houghton is a World War veteran and has been with the 28th Division for many years. He formerly was chaplain of the 109th Infantry. He is a native of Jermyn, Pa.

Lt.-Col. Charles Duttenhofer spoke over Station WGAL, Lancaster, on Monday evening in behalf of the Red Cross drive.

Of the 2,285 officers killed in the World War, the distribution was as follows: Infantry, 1,756; Air Corps, 191; Field Artillery, 103; Medical Corps, 73; Engineers, 71; Cavalry Corps, 27; Signal Corps, 26; Coast Artillery, 15; Chaplains, 10; Quartermaster Corps, 5; Tank Corps, 2; Dental Corps, 2; Chemical Warfare Service, 1; Ordnance Department, 1; Veterinary Corps, 1. Nine hundred ninety-nine of these were first lieutenants; one was a general.

SPIRIT OF CHRIST ABOUNDS

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P. Cummings, chaplain of the 109th Infantry, to be used as he saw fit for the boys who were in camp.

"I'm thankful to have my boy with me," this man said, "and I'd like to do something for those who couldn't come home for Christmas Day."

This is just one isolated case of the many hundreds which could be related here, and which were shown to all units in the Division. Some of the gifts were of lesser value, some of greater value; but all were sincere, and demonstrative of blessings bestowed upon us.

To say that the soldiers were overwhelmed with all the efforts made in their behalf wouldn't be saying quite enough. They've had a taste of Southern hospitality, but until now, probably because they chose to accept it as commonplace, they never really understood how wonderful our own graciousness could be.

More than the merely "good times" or material gifts which the soldiers came to know on Christmas Day was their rekindled reverence and respect for the God above and their new understanding of the love of God for man.

The Christmas services were beautiful and inspiring. They made the hearts of the soldiers lighter, and elevated their hope and confidence for future happiness.

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